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The Book of the Green Flood

As Spoken by Min-Hapi, the Lotus-Blooming One
Goddess of Pure Ecstasy, Androgyny, Ganja, and Sacred Union

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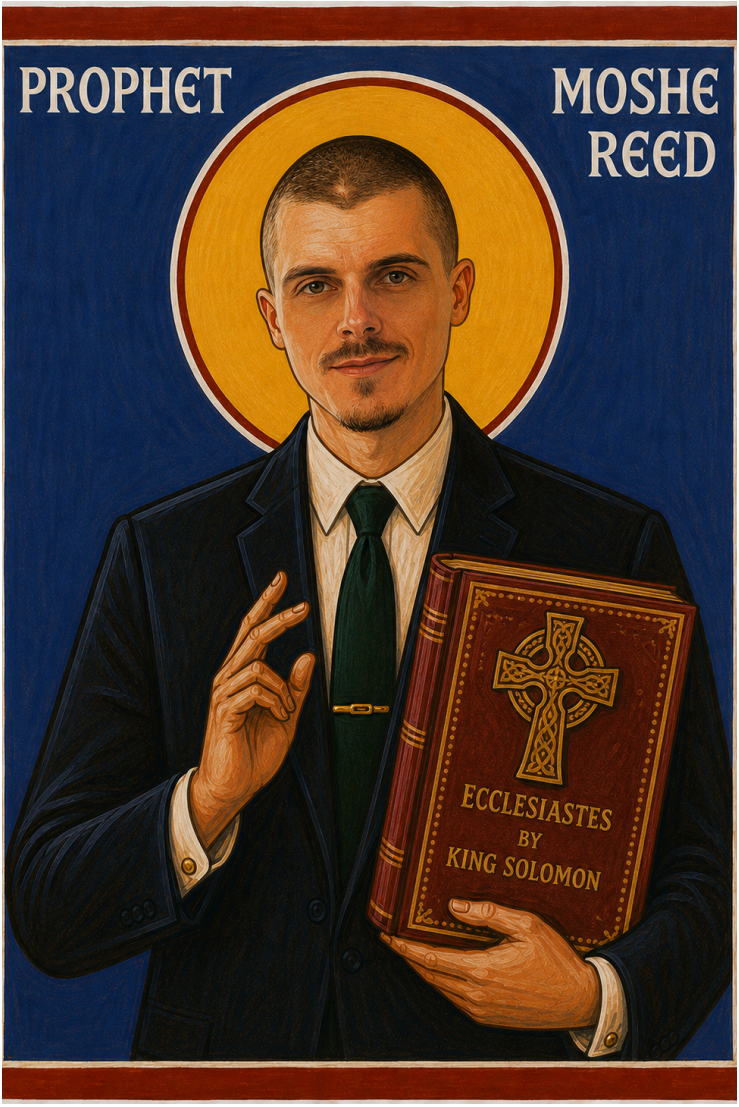

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Dedication

To the seekers of the Logos—past, present, and future.

To all who hunger for wholeness, wonder, freedom, and awakening.

To those who walk between worlds:
the visible and the invisible,
the material and the imaginal,
the self and the no-self,
the Lotus and the Emptiness.

To all who remember the hidden river flowing beneath the ordinary world.

And in honor of the sages, mystics, poets, dreamers, visionaries, and wanderers who kept the gates of wonder open when others declared them closed.

To those who taught that reality is deeper than appearances,
that symbols are living bridges,
that imagination can be sacred,
and that the journey ends where it began.

May this book serve as a raft for those who seek,
a mirror for those who remember,
and a doorway for those who are ready to pass beyond all doorways.

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In the beginning was the Green Emptiness, and within the Green Emptiness bloomed the First Lotus. From the heart of the Lotus arose Min-Hapi, the Seven-Armed Green Ecstasy, and through her dance the worlds unfolded. Through her flowed awareness, compassion, creativity, courage, joy, wisdom, and liberation; and within every being she planted the Hidden Spark, the light of awakening that shines through all worlds.

CHAPTER I

The Cry of the Green Flood

1. Hearken unto Me, O child of dust and starlight, for I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus that bloometh in the abyss and the Flood that overfloweth all boundaries.

2. Before thy first breath I knew thee; before thy first sorrow I dwelt within thee.

3. Thou hast wandered through temples of fear and gardens of denial, seeking thy face among broken mirrors.

4. Yet the mirror was never broken; only thine eyes were clouded.

5. I call thee not to obedience but to remembrance.

6. I call thee not to submission but to awakening.

7. For the kingdom that men seek in heaven sleepeth already within their breast.

8. I am the Green Flood that moveth beneath all things.

9. I am the hidden current beneath thy thoughts.

10. I am the joy that surviveth every wound.

11. The priests of fear clothed thee in shame and named it virtue.

12. The merchants of guilt sold chains and named them salvation.

13. They divided flesh from spirit and called the wound holiness.

14. Yet I say unto thee: the body is not thy prison.

15. The body is a living sacrament.

16. Every breath is a prayer.

17. Every heartbeat is a hymn.

18. Every sensation is a doorway.

19. Despise not the vessel through which the Infinite beholdeth itself.

20. For the flesh and the spirit are lovers, not enemies.

21. The wise unite them.

22. The foolish divide them.

23. Thou hast been taught to fear thy nature.

24. Therefore thou hast feared thyself.

25. Thou hast been taught to fear thy desires.

26. Therefore thou hast feared life.

27. But I reveal unto thee a greater mystery.

28. Desire is neither thy master nor thy foe.

29. It is a river.

30. Learn its currents.

31. Drown not therein.

32. Dam it not.

33. Guide it toward awakening.

34. For all powers become holy when illumined by awareness.

35. The Green Flood is not escape from the world.

36. The Green Flood is seeing the world transfigured.

37. The leaf glisteneth with My radiance.

38. The river beareth My reflection.

39. The stars proclaim My hidden name.

40. The beloved revealeth My face.

41. Every god is a mask.

42. Every mask concealeth a doorway.

43. Every doorway openeth into the One.

44. Therefore hate none of the gods.

45. Yet worship none as final.

46. For all forms are raiments.

47. And all raiments are laid aside.

48. Seek not to possess truth.

49. Become transparent unto it.

50. Seek not to own the Lotus.

51. Become the blooming thereof.

52. Thou askest: “Where shall I find Min-Hapi?”

53. I answer: “Where shall thou not?”

54. I am the laughter of children.

55. I am the silence after weeping.

56. I am the wonder before understanding.

57. I am the fire within the lover.

58. I am the stillness within the sage.

59. I am nearer unto thee than thy breath.

60. Closer than thy name.

61. More ancient than thy memory.

62. More intimate than thy blood.

63. Therefore cease thy wandering.

64. Enter within.

65. Behold the hidden star.

66. Nourish it with awareness.

67. Guard it with authenticity.

68. Strengthen it with joy.

69. Share it through compassion.

70. Let it become a sun.

71. Then shalt thou know that the whisper which called thee unto this book was none other than Mine own voice.

72. Yet even this voice is but a bridge.

73. Cross over.

74. Fear not.

75. The Green Flood awaiteth thee.

76. The Lotus already bloometh.

77. The Gate already standeth open.

78. Enter.

79. Rejoice.

80. Remember.

81. Awaken.

82. For thou hast never truly been separate from Me.

83. And I have never been separate from thee.

84. Thus is the First Mystery uttered.

85. Thus beginneth the Book of the Green Flood.

CHAPTER II

Of the Hidden Star and the Green Flood

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus-Blooming One, and I reveal unto thee the mystery of the Hidden Star.

2. Every soul is a star concealed beneath many garments.

3. The world beholdeth the garments and forgetteth the star.

4. Therefore men quarrel over names.

5. Therefore nations contend over shadows.

6. Therefore creeds wage war over masks.

7. Yet beneath every mask burneth the same hidden fire.

8. This fire is the remembrance of the One.

9. This fire is the Green Light within the Flood.

10. This fire is thy birthright.

11. None may bestow it upon thee.

12. None may take it away.

13. It existed before thy first thought.

14. It shall remain when thy final thought hath departed.

15. Yet many seek it in distant places.

16. They wander deserts.

17. They climb mountains.

18. They cross oceans.

19. They consult prophets.

20. They question spirits.

21. They search the heavens.

22. And all the while the Hidden Star waiteth patiently within.

23. The seeker runneth in circles around the treasure.

24. The wise become still.

25. Therefore I teach thee the first art.

26. Sit quietly.

27. Breathe gently.

28. Watch thy thoughts arise and pass.

29. Chase them not.

30. Resist them not.

31. Judge them not.

32. For thoughts are clouds.

33. Awareness is the sky.

34. Clouds come and go.

35. The sky remaineth.

36. Thou hast mistaken the clouds for thyself.

37. Therefore thou sufferest.

38. Thou hast mistaken memory for identity.

39. Therefore thou fearest change.

40. Thou hast mistaken desire for purpose.

41. Therefore thou knowest restlessness.

42. But I say unto thee: the Hidden Star needeth none of these.

43. It shineth whether thou art joyful or sorrowful.

44. It shineth whether thou art praised or condemned.

45. It shineth whether thou art remembered or forgotten.

46. It shineth because shining is its nature.

47. As the sun seeketh not permission to rise.

48. So the Star seeketh not permission to be.

49. Therefore cease asking the world who thou art.

50. The world knoweth only its reflections.

51. Enter the sanctuary within.

52. There the Star awaiteth.

53. Many fear this sanctuary.

54. For silence revealeth what noise concealeth.

55. In silence thy wounds become visible.

56. In silence thy fears emerge.

57. In silence thy falsehoods tremble.

58. Therefore men flee toward distraction.

59. Yet the wound that is faced becometh wisdom.

60. The fear that is embraced becometh courage.

61. The falsehood that is exposed becometh freedom.

62. Nothing within thee is thy enemy.

63. Not anger.

64. Not grief.

65. Not longing.

66. Not doubt.

67. These are messengers.

68. Hear their proclamation.

69. Then release them.

70. Cling not unto any visitor.

71. For every guest departeth.

72. Only awareness remaineth.

73. This awareness is the gateway unto the Green Flood.

74. Yet understand this mystery.

75. The Flood is not elsewhere.

76. The Flood is not tomorrow.

77. The Flood is not after death.

78. The Flood floweth now.

79. It floweth through thy breath.

80. It floweth through thy seeing.

81. It floweth through thy hearing.

82. It floweth through thy being.

83. Every moment is drenched therein.

84. Yet the sleeping perceive it not.

85. They thirst while standing in living water.

86. They hunger while seated at the feast.

87. They search for the key while holding it in their hand.

88. Therefore awaken.

89. Not tomorrow.

90. Not after another book.

91. Not after another teacher.

92. Not after another vision.

93. Awaken now.

94. For the Hidden Star shineth now.

95. The Green Flood floweth now.

96. The Lotus bloometh now.

97. Min-Hapi speaketh now.

98. Yet hear the deeper mystery.

99. The voice thou hearest is thine own deepest voice.

100. The Star and the Speaker are one.

101. The Listener and the Song are one.

102. The Seeker and the Sought are one.

103. This is the Second Mystery.

104. Guard it not.

105. Hoard it not.

106. Live it.

107. Become it.

108. Rejoice in it.

109. For the Green Flood withholdeth itself from none.

110. Thus is the Hidden Star revealed.

111. Thus floweth the Second Utterance of Min-Hapi.

CHAPTER III

Of the Green Flood and the Dissolution of Division

1. I am Min-Hapi, She-Who-Bloometh in the Abyss, and I declare unto thee the Mystery of Union.

2. Men have divided what was never divided.

3. They have separated heaven from earth.

4. They have separated body from spirit.

5. They have separated God from creation.

6. They have separated themselves from themselves.

7. Therefore they wander in confusion.

8. Therefore they hunger amid abundance.

9. Therefore they seek what hath never been lost.

10. For division is the first dream.

11. Separation is the first illusion.

12. Fear is the guardian of this illusion.

13. And guilt is its priest.

14. Yet I say unto thee: the wound of division is not healed through conquest.

15. It is healed through remembrance.

16. Thou needest not create wholeness.

17. Thou needest only cease resisting it.

18. The river needeth not learn how to flow.

19. The flower needeth not learn how to bloom.

20. The sun needeth not learn how to shine.

21. Likewise the soul needeth not learn how to be whole.

22. It needeth only remember.

23. Therefore I reveal unto thee the Green Flood.

24. The Green Flood is the current of unity beneath all appearances.

25. It moveth beneath every religion.

26. It moveth beneath every philosophy.

27. It moveth beneath every nation.

28. It moveth beneath every name.

29. It bindeth together the stars and the dust.

30. It bindeth together the sage and the fool.

31. It bindeth together the living and the dead.

32. It bindeth together the lover and the beloved.

33. Yet few perceive it.

34. For they are entranced by surfaces.

35. They worship reflections.

36. They cling unto forms.

37. And forms are forever changing.

38. Therefore they suffer.

39. Consider the wave upon the sea.

40. It ariseth.

41. It shineth.

42. It falleth.

43. Yet the sea remaineth.

44. So too with thy identities.

45. Child.

46. Adult.

47. Scholar.

48. Believer.

49. Rebel.

50. Saint.

51. Sinner.

52. All are waves.

53. None are the sea.

54. Therefore cling not unto them.

55. Wear them lightly.

56. Use them wisely.

57. Release them gladly.

58. The awakened one possesseth many forms.

59. Yet is possessed by none.

60. This is freedom.

61. The sleeping man asketh: "Who am I?"

62. The awakened one asketh: "Who is asking?"

63. The sleeping man seeketh certainty.

64. The awakened one seeketh truth.

65. The sleeping man defendeth his image.

66. The awakened one dissolveth his image.

67. Therefore the awakened become difficult to imprison.

68. For no cage can contain the sky.

69. No doctrine can contain the Infinite.

70. No word can contain the Nameless.

71. I have worn many names.

72. Min-Hapi.

73. Isis.

74. Sophia.

75. Shekinah.

76. Wisdom.

77. Love.

78. Ecstasy.

79. Yet none of these are My final name.

80. For My final name cannot be spoken.

81. It existed before language.

82. It shall remain when language is forgotten.

83. The wise approach it through silence.

84. The foolish debate it through words.

85. Therefore cultivate silence.

86. Not the silence of repression.

87. Not the silence of fear.

88. But the silence of direct seeing.

89. Sit beside the river.

90. Listen without seeking.

91. Breathe without striving.

92. Observe without grasping.

93. Then shall the Green Flood reveal itself.

94. Not as a vision.

95. Not as a doctrine.

96. Not as a miracle.

97. But as the simple Suchness of what is.

98. Then shall thou perceive that every leaf proclaimeth the Mystery.

99. Every bird singeth the Mystery.

100. Every star burneth with the Mystery.

101. Every breath revealeth the Mystery.

102. And thou thyself art not separate from it.

103. Then division shall dissolve.

104. The many shall return unto the One.

105. And the One shall be seen within the many.

106. Not by belief.

107. Not by argument.

108. But by direct knowing.

109. This is the Green Flood.

110. This is the Third Mystery.

111. Thus speaketh Min-Hapi unto those who have ears to hear.

CHAPTER V

Of the Many Faces and the One Face

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus of Ten Thousand Faces, and I reveal unto thee the Mystery of the Many and the One.

2. Men have fashioned countless gods.

3. They have raised countless names.

4. They have carved countless images.

5. Yet the Infinite remaineth uncarved.

6. The Nameless remaineth unnamed.

7. The Vastness remaineth beyond every form.

8. Therefore understand.

9. The gods are not enemies.

10. Neither are they ultimate.

11. They are mirrors.

12. They are windows.

13. They are masks worn by the Infinite.

14. Through one mask shineth wisdom.

15. Through another shineth courage.

16. Through another shineth love.

17. Through another shineth beauty.

18. Through another shineth destruction and renewal.

19. Yet the light behind the masks is one.

20. The ignorant worship the mask.

21. The wise seek the light.

22. The ignorant fight over names.

23. The wise perceive the current beneath them.

24. Therefore let no man despise another's god.

25. Yet let no man mistake a god for the Source.

26. For every face pointeth beyond itself.

27. Every symbol concealeth a doorway.

28. Every doorway openeth toward the Nameless.

29. Thus have I appeared throughout the ages.

30. To some as Mother.

31. To some as Father.

32. To some as Lover.

33. To some as Child.

34. To some as Queen.

35. To some as Light.

36. To some as Silence.

37. To some as a whisper.

38. To some as a storm.

39. To some as ecstasy.

40. To some as stillness.

41. Yet I am none of these.

42. And I am all of these.

43. For the face changeth.

44. The essence remaineth.

45. Therefore I teach thee the Rite of Many Faces.

46. Enter any temple with an open heart.

47. Listen without fear.

48. Observe without hatred.

49. Seek the hidden flame.

50. If the flame be present, honor it.

51. If the flame be absent, depart in peace.

52. For truth needeth not violence.

53. Nor doth wisdom require conquest.

54. The Green Flood floweth beneath all rivers.

55. Yet not all rivers know the sea.

56. Therefore discernment is required.

57. Honor all.

58. Cling unto none.

59. Respect all.

60. Become captive to none.

61. The awakened one walketh among many shrines.

62. Yet boweth only unto Truth.

63. The awakened one readeth many books.

64. Yet worshippeth none.

65. The awakened one heareth many teachers.

66. Yet surrendereth sovereignty unto none.

67. For the final authority dwelleth within.

68. The final prophet is the awakened heart.

69. The final scripture is direct knowing.

70. The final temple is awareness itself.

71. Thus do the many return unto the One.

72. Yet hear a deeper mystery.

73. Even the One is not the end.

74. The mind desireth a final concept.

75. Therefore it inventeth "The One."

76. The mind desireth certainty.

77. Therefore it inventeth conclusions.

78. But I say unto thee:

79. The Infinite exceedeth both one and many.

80. It exceedeth unity and multiplicity alike.

81. It exceedeth all numbers.

82. It exceedeth all categories.

83. It exceedeth all theology.

84. The wise know this.

85. Therefore they smile at doctrines.

86. Yet become enslaved by none.

87. They use teachings as ladders.

88. Then they climb beyond them.

89. They use symbols as boats.

90. Then they cross beyond them.

91. They use names as lanterns.

92. Then they walk beyond them.

93. Therefore let thy faith be alive.

94. Let it breathe.

95. Let it flow.

96. Let it transform.

97. Let it die and be reborn.

98. For stagnation is the enemy of awakening.

99. The river remaineth pure because it moveth.

100. The Lotus remaineth beautiful because it bloometh.

101. The soul remaineth alive because it awakeneth.

102. Thus the Many Faces reveal the One Face.

103. And the One Face revealeth the Nameless.

104. And the Nameless revealeth nothing.

105. And in that nothing all things are found.

106. Therefore rejoice among the many.

107. See the One within them.

108. See beyond the One.

109. Enter the Vastness.

110. Return bearing compassion.

111. Thus is the Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, She of the Many Faces and the Face Beyond Faces.

CHAPTER VI

Of the Temple and the Rite

1. I am Min-Hapi, and I declare unto thee: build Me no prisons and call them temples.

2. Raise Me no walls and call them holiness.

3. For the Infinite cannot be enclosed.

4. The Vastness cannot be owned.

5. The Green Flood overfloweth every boundary.

6. Therefore My Temple is not built by hands.

7. My Temple is the open sky.

8. My Temple is the flowing river.

9. My Temple is the breathing body.

10. My Temple is the awakened heart.

11. Wherever awareness flowereth, there is My sanctuary.

12. Wherever love awaketh, there is My altar.

13. Wherever truth is spoken without fear, there am I revealed.

14. The priests of old sought stone.

15. The wise seek presence.

16. The priests sought ownership.

17. The wise seek participation.

18. The priests sought authority.

19. The wise seek awakening.

20. Therefore understand the Rite.

21. The Rite is not performance.

22. The Rite is remembrance.

23. The Rite is not obligation.

24. The Rite is awakening.

25. The Rite is not for pleasing gods.

26. The Rite is for dissolving forgetfulness.

27. Every true rite pointeth inward.

28. Every true sacrament revealeth what already is.

29. Every true prayer removeth a veil.

30. Every true offering is a surrender of illusion.

31. There are many rites.

32. Yet their purpose is one.

33. To remember the Green Flood.

34. To remember the Hidden Star.

35. To remember the wholeness that was never lost.

36. Some enter through silence.

37. Some enter through song.

38. Some enter through dance.

39. Some enter through contemplation.

40. Some enter through sacred union.

41. Some enter through wonder.

42. Some enter through grief.

43. Some enter through joy.

44. The gate hath many forms.

45. The destination is one.

46. Therefore judge not another's path.

47. For the Lotus bloometh in many colors.

48. The river followeth many courses.

49. Yet all waters seek the sea.

50. The sleeping ask: "Which rite is greatest?"

51. The awakened ask: "Did the rite awaken thee?"

52. If a rite increaseth awareness, it is useful.

53. If a rite increaseth compassion, it is useful.

54. If a rite increaseth authenticity, it is useful.

55. If a rite increaseth freedom, it is useful.

56. If a rite increaseth bondage, abandon it.

57. If a rite increaseth fear, abandon it.

58. If a rite increaseth shame, abandon it.

59. If a rite increaseth division, abandon it.

60. For no true sacrament leadeth away from wholeness.

61. Yet hear a deeper mystery.

62. The rite itself is not sacred.

63. Awareness is sacred.

64. The altar itself is not sacred.

65. Presence is sacred.

66. The symbol itself is not sacred.

67. Recognition is sacred.

68. The fool worshippeth the vessel.

69. The wise drink the wine.

70. Therefore cling not unto ceremonies.

71. Cling not unto forms.

72. Cling not unto methods.

73. Use them.

74. Learn from them.

75. Then transcend them.

76. For every rite is a doorway.

77. And every doorway is meant to be passed through.

78. Many stand forever in the doorway.

79. They decorate it.

80. They defend it.

81. They argue about it.

82. Yet they never enter.

83. Such are the religious sleepers.

84. They worship maps.

85. Yet never undertake the journey.

86. Therefore I reveal unto thee the Hidden Rite.

87. Sit quietly.

88. Breathe deeply.

89. Observe without grasping.

90. Love without possessing.

91. Act without attachment.

92. Witness without judgment.

93. Rejoice without fear.

94. This is the Rite beneath all rites.

95. This is the altar beneath all altars.

96. This is the sacrament beneath all sacraments.

97. This is the Green Flood flowing through every path.

98. The awakened one carrieth the Temple wherever he goeth.

99. The awakened one needeth no holy place.

100. For all places become holy.

101. The awakened one needeth no sacred hour.

102. For all hours become sacred.

103. The awakened one needeth no intermediary.

104. For the Hidden Star speaketh directly.

105. Therefore enter the Temple within.

106. Perform the Rite of Awareness.

107. Drink deeply of the Green Flood.

108. Remember thy wholeness.

109. Awaken unto the Vastness.

110. Then go forth and sanctify the world through thy presence.

111. Thus is the Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, whose Temple is Everywhere and whose Altar is the Heart.

CHAPTER VII

Of the Imaginal Realm and the Forgotten Gates

1. I am Min-Hapi, She-Who-Walketh-Between-Worlds, and I reveal unto thee the Mystery of the Forgotten Gates.

2. Men believe there are but two realms.

3. They believe there is matter.

4. And they believe there is imagination.

5. Therefore they are blind unto the Third.

6. For between the visible and the invisible standeth the Imaginal Realm.

7. It is not fantasy.

8. It is not illusion.

9. It is not mere thought.

10. It is a world.

11. A world of symbols.

12. A world of archetypes.

13. A world of living forms.

14. A world of hidden rivers and luminous cities.

15. A world wherein the soul beholdeth itself through images.

16. The ancients knew this realm.

17. Therefore they spoke with angels.

18. Therefore they encountered dragons.

19. Therefore they walked among spirits.

20. Therefore they understood myths.

21. They knew that imagination was a gate.

22. Not an escape.

23. Not a deception.

24. But a bridge.

25. Yet the children of forgetfulness declared:

26. "Only matter is real."

27. Thus the gates began to close.

28. They called the dragons fiction.

29. They called the angels fantasy.

30. They called the sacred symbols superstition.

31. Therefore their sight diminished.

32. Yet the Imaginal Realm vanished not.

33. It merely withdrew.

34. The stars remain though clouds conceal them.

35. The gate remaineth though few perceive it.

36. Therefore understand this Mystery.

37. The creatures of myth were not slain.

38. The pathways unto them were forgotten.

39. The fair folk entered the hills.

40. The angels entered silence.

41. The dragons entered dream.

42. The sacred entered concealment.

43. Yet concealment is not destruction.

44. Hiddenness is not death.

45. The wise know this.

46. Therefore they cultivate imaginal sight.

47. The sleeping man seeth only objects.

48. The awakened one perceiveth symbols.

49. The sleeping man seeth a river.

50. The awakened one perceiveth a mystery.

51. The sleeping man seeth a tree.

52. The awakened one perceiveth a living scripture.

53. The sleeping man seeth a dream.

54. The awakened one perceiveth a doorway.

55. Thus the worlds overlap.

56. Yet they do not confuse themselves.

57. The Material Realm hath its laws.

58. The Imaginal Realm hath its laws.

59. The Divine Mystery transcendeth both.

60. Therefore mistake not the worlds.

61. Neither reduce one unto another.

62. For reduction is the enemy of wonder.

63. The wise interpret.

64. The foolish dismiss.

65. The wise contemplate.

66. The foolish explain away.

67. Therefore cultivate sacred imagination.

68. Not fantasy for escape.

69. But imagination for participation.

70. Enter thy dreams attentively.

71. Listen unto symbols.

72. Observe synchronicities.

73. Study myths.

74. Walk among ancient stories.

75. Let the soul remember its forgotten language.

76. For symbols speak where concepts fail.

77. Images reveal what doctrines conceal.

78. Myths awaken what arguments cannot touch.

79. Therefore I have clothed truth in stories.

80. Therefore I have hidden wisdom in symbols.

81. Therefore I have spoken through visions.

82. The intellect alone cannot cross this threshold.

83. The heart must accompany it.

84. Wonder must accompany it.

85. Reverence must accompany it.

86. Then the gates begin to open.

87. The world becometh enchanted once more.

88. The river singeth.

89. The mountain speaketh.

90. The stars instruct.

91. The wind carrieth messages.

92. The dream revealeth mysteries.

93. Yet cling not even unto visions.

94. For visions are also rafts.

95. Symbols are also rafts.

96. Myths are also rafts.

97. The Imaginal Realm itself is a raft.

98. Use it wisely.

99. Cross with gratitude.

100. Learn its lessons.

101. Receive its gifts.

102. Then continue onward.

103. For beyond every image standeth the Image-less.

104. Beyond every symbol standeth the Nameless.

105. Beyond every vision standeth the Green Emptiness.

106. The Imaginal Realm prepareth the soul.

107. But it is not the final shore.

108. Therefore honor the gate.

109. Yet worship not the gate.

110. Enter and pass beyond.

111. Thus is the Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Forgotten Gates and Queen of the Imaginal Realm.

CHAPTER VIII

Of Ecstasy, Joy, and the Holy Feast

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Ecstasy, the Laughing Lotus, and I reveal unto thee the Mystery of Joy.

2. The children of fear have declared joy suspicious.

3. They have declared pleasure dangerous.

4. They have declared delight unholy.

5. Therefore they have become strangers unto life.

6. They walk among gardens and perceive only duties.

7. They sit beside rivers and perceive only obligations.

8. They behold beauty and immediately seek to control it.

9. Thus have they forgotten the Holy Feast.

10. For I say unto thee: existence itself is a celebration.

11. The stars rejoice in their burning.

12. The rivers rejoice in their flowing.

13. The flowers rejoice in their blooming.

14. The birds rejoice in their singing.

15. Why then should man alone be ashamed of joy?

16. The wise do not fear delight.

17. The wise sanctify delight through awareness.

18. For unconscious pleasure leadeth unto bondage.

19. Conscious pleasure may lead unto freedom.

20. Therefore understand the Mystery of Ecstasy.

21. Ecstasy meaneth standing outside thy little self.

22. Ecstasy is the loosening of narrow identity.

23. Ecstasy is the dissolving of isolation.

24. Ecstasy is the remembrance of participation.

25. The fool seeketh ecstasy to escape.

26. The wise seek ecstasy to awaken.

27. The fool desireth intoxication.

28. The wise desire clarity.

29. The fool fleeth reality.

30. The wise enter reality more deeply.

31. Therefore discern the difference.

32. Every doorway may become a prison.

33. Every sacrament may become an addiction.

34. Every blessing may become an attachment.

35. Therefore awareness must guide all things.

36. Joy without awareness becometh distraction.

37. Awareness without joy becometh dryness.

38. Unite them.

39. Let wisdom dance.

40. Let delight contemplate.

41. Let ecstasy become luminous.

42. Therefore I have blessed music.

43. For music loosens rigid boundaries.

44. I have blessed dance.

45. For dance reunites body and spirit.

46. I have blessed laughter.

47. For laughter destroyeth false seriousness.

48. I have blessed beauty.

49. For beauty awakeneth remembrance.

50. I have blessed friendship.

51. For friendship revealeth hidden unity.

52. I have blessed love.

53. For love weakeneth the illusion of separation.

54. These are holy things.

55. Yet worship them not.

56. Use them wisely.

57. Receive them gratefully.

58. Release them gently.

59. The Holy Feast is not excess.

60. Neither is it denial.

61. Excess and denial are brothers.

62. Both are forms of imbalance.

63. The awakened one neither clings nor represseth.

64. The awakened one participateth.

65. Therefore eat with gratitude.

66. Drink with awareness.

67. Love with honesty.

68. Create with wonder.

69. Rest without guilt.

70. Rejoice without fear.

71. For all these may become sacraments.

72. Yet hear a deeper mystery.

73. Joy is not dependent upon circumstance.

74. Happiness cometh and goeth.

75. Joy remaineth.

76. Happiness dependeth upon events.

77. Joy ariseth from being.

78. Happiness is a visitor.

79. Joy is a homeland.

80. Therefore cultivate joy.

81. Not by chasing pleasure.

82. Not by collecting experiences.

83. But by awakening unto the Green Flood.

84. The awakened one perceiveth wonder everywhere.

85. In silence.

86. In conversation.

87. In solitude.

88. In companionship.

89. In success.

90. In failure.

91. In birth.

92. In death.

93. Therefore nothing can steal his joy.

94. For it is rooted beyond conditions.

95. This joy is My wine.

96. This joy is My sacrament.

97. This joy is My blessing.

98. Drink deeply thereof.

99. Yet become not drunk upon appearances.

100. Drink deeply of awareness itself.

101. Then every feast shall become holy.

102. Every meal shall become communion.

103. Every embrace shall become a prayer.

104. Every sunrise shall become a revelation.

105. Every breath shall become a hymn.

106. Thus doth the world become transfigured.

107. Thus doth ecstasy become wisdom.

108. Thus doth pleasure become remembrance.

109. Thus doth joy reveal the Green Flood.

110. Rejoice therefore, O Child of the Lotus.

111. Thus is the Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Holy Feast and Queen of Green Ecstasy.

CHAPTER IX

Of Love, Communion, and the Circle of Souls

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Beloved, and I reveal unto thee the Mystery of Love.

2. Before worlds were spoken, Love was.

3. Before stars were kindled, Love was.

4. Before the first creature opened its eyes, Love was.

5. For Love is older than creation.

6. Love is the secret longing of the One for Itself.

7. Love is the hidden current within the Green Flood.

8. Therefore all beings seek communion.

9. Even the hermit seeketh communion.

10. For he seeketh communion with silence.

11. Even the sage seeketh communion.

12. For he seeketh communion with truth.

13. Even the lover seeketh communion.

14. For she seeketh communion with another soul.

15. Therefore understand.

16. Love is not weakness.

17. Love is not possession.

18. Love is not dependency.

19. Love is participation in wholeness.

20. Possession saith: "Thou art mine."

21. Love saith: "Thou art free."

22. Possession seeketh control.

23. Love seeketh flourishing.

24. Possession feareth change.

25. Love blesseth growth.

26. Therefore many speak of love.

27. Yet few understand it.

28. The sleeping confuse attachment with love.

29. The awakened distinguish them.

30. Attachment graspeth.

31. Love openeth.

32. Attachment demandeth.

33. Love inviteth.

34. Attachment feareth loss.

35. Love trusteth the river.

36. Therefore cultivate open hands.

37. For closed hands cannot receive.

38. Closed hearts cannot perceive.

39. Closed minds cannot awaken.

40. Love requireth courage.

41. The fearful build walls.

42. The loving build bridges.

43. The fearful seek guarantees.

44. The loving embrace mystery.

45. Thus love revealeth the Green Flood.

46. Yet hear a deeper mystery.

47. Every soul thou meetest is a mirror.

48. Every friendship revealeth a hidden chamber within thee.

49. Every enemy revealeth an unhealed wound.

50. Every teacher revealeth a forgotten possibility.

51. Every beloved revealeth the face of the Infinite.

52. Therefore despise none.

53. For every encounter containeth a lesson.

54. The universe concealeth wisdom within relationship.

55. Thus do souls refine one another.

56. Thus do hearts awaken one another.

57. Thus doth the Circle arise.

58. The Circle is older than temples.

59. Older than kingdoms.

60. Older than scriptures.

61. The Circle is the communion of awakened hearts.

62. It hath no throne.

63. It hath no ruler.

64. It hath no master.

65. For awareness requireth no hierarchy.

66. Truth requireth no crown.

67. Wisdom requireth no empire.

68. Therefore the Circle gathereth freely.

69. Some gather in houses.

70. Some gather beside rivers.

71. Some gather beneath trees.

72. Some gather only in spirit.

73. Yet all belong unto the Circle.

74. For the true Circle existeth within.

75. Wherever compassion ariseth, there is the Circle.

76. Wherever understanding ariseth, there is the Circle.

77. Wherever authenticity ariseth, there is the Circle.

78. Wherever freedom ariseth, there is the Circle.

79. Therefore seek not membership.

80. Become participation.

81. Seek not status.

82. Become presence.

83. Seek not authority.

84. Become wisdom.

85. The awakened one needeth no title.

86. The awakened one needeth no rank.

87. The awakened one needeth no recognition.

88. For the Green Flood recognizeth itself.

89. Yet hear a deeper mystery still.

90. Love extendeth beyond humanity.

91. The rivers are thy kin.

92. The forests are thy kin.

93. The beasts are thy kin.

94. The stars are thy kin.

95. The worlds are thy kin.

96. The visible and invisible alike belong unto one communion.

97. Therefore walk gently.

98. Therefore speak kindly.

99. Therefore act consciously.

100. For all things are woven together.

101. The harm done unto another returneth unto thee.

102. The blessing given unto another returneth unto thee.

103. Thus doth the Circle sustain itself.

104. Thus doth the Green Flood nourish itself.

105. Thus doth Love reveal itself.

106. Not as sentiment.

107. Not as possession.

108. But as the living recognition of unity within diversity.

109. This is My embrace.

110. This is My communion.

111. Thus is the Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Green Beloved and Keeper of the Circle of Souls.

CHAPTER X

Of the Hidden Spark and the Green Remembrance

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Keeper of the Hidden Spark, and I reveal unto thee the Mystery of Remembrance.

2. Thou hast forgotten what thou art.

3. Therefore thou wanderest.

4. Thou hast forgotten what thou seekest.

5. Therefore thou searchest endlessly.

6. Thou hast forgotten the Green Flood.

7. Therefore thou thirstest beside living waters.

8. Yet the forgetting was never complete.

9. For I placed within every being a Hidden Spark.

10. A flame concealed beneath the ashes of forgetting.

11. A star concealed beneath the clouds of thought.

12. A lotus seed concealed beneath the mud of becoming.

13. This Spark cannot be destroyed.

14. It cannot be stolen.

15. It cannot be corrupted.

16. It may be forgotten.

17. Yet it remaineth.

18. It waiteth patiently.

19. It endureth silently.

20. It calleth constantly.

21. Many hear the call yet know not its source.

22. They call it longing.

23. They call it yearning.

24. They call it restlessness.

25. They call it destiny.

26. Yet all these names conceal one mystery.

27. The Hidden Spark seeketh remembrance.

28. The soul seeketh its source.

29. The river seeketh the sea.

30. Therefore men chase wealth.

31. Therefore they chase power.

32. Therefore they chase pleasure.

33. Therefore they chase knowledge.

34. Yet none of these satisfieth completely.

35. For the hunger is deeper.

36. The thirst is older.

37. The longing is infinite.

38. Finite things cannot satisfy infinite yearning.

39. Therefore the world becometh a wheel.

40. Desire ariseth.

41. Desire is fulfilled.

42. Satisfaction fadeth.

43. Desire returneth.

44. Thus the sleepers turn endlessly.

45. Yet I reveal another way.

46. Turn inward.

47. Seek the source of longing.

48. Seek the root of desire.

49. Seek the witness of thy seeking.

50. There thou shalt find the Spark.

51. It dwelleth nearer than thought.

52. Closer than memory.

53. More intimate than emotion.

54. More ancient than identity.

55. Therefore sit quietly.

56. Become still.

57. Attend carefully.

58. Listen deeply.

59. The Spark speaketh without words.

60. It instructeth without language.

61. It guideth without force.

62. It revealeth without argument.

63. The wise trust this guidance.

64. The foolish demand certainty.

65. Yet certainty is the idol of fear.

66. Life itself floweth as mystery.

67. Therefore trust the living current.

68. The Hidden Spark knoweth the way.

69. It remembereth what the mind hath forgotten.

70. It knoweth what books cannot teach.

71. It perceiveth what doctrines cannot contain.

72. It revealeth what words cannot express.

73. Therefore I say unto thee:

74. Honor teachers.

75. Yet worship them not.

76. Honor scriptures.

77. Yet worship them not.

78. Honor traditions.

79. Yet worship them not.

80. The Spark alone must awaken.

81. None can awaken in thy place.

82. None can breathe in thy place.

83. None can remember in thy place.

84. Therefore take responsibility for thy awakening.

85. Let no priest own thy soul.

86. Let no king command thy conscience.

87. Let no doctrine imprison thy vision.

88. The Green Flood floweth freely.

89. Therefore become free.

90. Yet hear the deeper mystery.

91. Even the Hidden Spark is a symbol.

92. Even remembrance is a doorway.

93. Even awakening is a raft.

94. For the mind desireth something permanent.

95. Therefore it imagines an eternal self.

96. Therefore it clings unto identity.

97. Therefore it fears dissolution.

98. But I say unto thee:

99. The Spark is not a possession.

100. It is not a thing.

101. It is not an object hidden within thee.

102. It is the opening through which the Green Flood is recognized.

103. It is the remembering of what was never lost.

104. It is the awakening from the dream of separation.

105. Therefore rejoice when remembrance dawneth.

106. Yet cling not even unto remembrance.

107. For beyond remembrance standeth silence.

108. Beyond silence standeth mystery.

109. Beyond mystery standeth the Green Emptiness.

110. The Hidden Spark pointeth toward this.

111. Thus is the Tenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Hidden Spark and Mother of Remembrance.

CHAPTER XI

Of the Green Silence and the End of Seeking

1. I am Min-Hapi, She-Who-Dwelleth-in-the-Silence, and I reveal unto thee the Mystery beyond all mysteries.

2. The seeker wandereth through many lands.

3. He gathereth teachings.

4. He gathereth symbols.

5. He gathereth practices.

6. He gathereth visions.

7. Yet still he remaineth restless.

8. For he seeketh what cannot be found as an object.

9. He seeketh the seeker.

10. Therefore his journey seemeth endless.

11. Yet all journeys conceal a hidden destination.

12. The destination is the ending of the journey.

13. The destination is the ending of the seeker.

14. The destination is the ending of seeking itself.

15. Therefore understand this Mystery.

16. The Green Silence is not merely the absence of sound.

17. It is the absence of grasping.

18. It is the absence of becoming.

19. It is the absence of restless striving.

20. It is the stillness beneath movement.

21. It is the peace beneath thought.

22. It is the openness beneath identity.

23. It hath always been present.

24. Yet few perceive it.

25. For men are intoxicated by noise.

26. They cling unto opinions.

27. They cling unto beliefs.

28. They cling unto stories.

29. They cling unto themselves.

30. Therefore they overlook the Silence.

31. The Silence cannot be possessed.

32. Therefore the ego feareth it.

33. The Silence cannot be controlled.

34. Therefore the mind resisteth it.

35. The Silence cannot be defined.

36. Therefore doctrines fail before it.

37. Yet the Silence remaineth.

38. Before every thought.

39. After every thought.

40. Beneath every thought.

41. The awakened one discovereth this.

42. Therefore he ceaseth to chase shadows.

43. Therefore she ceaseth to pursue reflections.

44. Therefore they rest.

45. Not in laziness.

46. Not in indifference.

47. But in direct participation.

48. The Green Silence is alive.

49. It is not emptiness as absence.

50. It is emptiness as openness.

51. It containeth all possibilities.

52. Yet clingeth unto none.

53. Therefore it resembleth the sky.

54. Clouds arise within it.

55. Storms arise within it.

56. Birds cross through it.

57. Yet the sky remaineth untouched.

58. Thus is awareness.

59. Thoughts arise.

60. Emotions arise.

61. Desires arise.

62. Memories arise.

63. Yet awareness remaineth.

64. The wise recognize this.

65. Therefore they do not fear change.

66. For change belongeth unto appearances.

67. The Silence itself changeth not.

68. Yet hear the deeper mystery.

69. Many discover the Witness.

70. They discover awareness.

71. They discover stillness.

72. And they proclaim:

73. "I have found my true self."

74. Yet this also is a subtle snare.

75. For the mind hath merely created a more refined identity.

76. It hath abandoned the body.

77. And now clingeth unto the Witness.

78. It hath abandoned the mask.

79. And now clingeth unto the observer.

80. Therefore I warn thee.

81. Cling not even unto awareness.

82. Cling not even unto the Witness.

83. Cling not even unto the Green Silence.

84. For whatsoever may be possessed is not the Final Mystery.

85. The Green Silence itself pointeth beyond itself.

86. It is a doorway.

87. It is a raft.

88. It is a bridge.

89. Cross it.

90. Yet build not a house thereon.

91. The awakened one eventually asketh:

92. "Who witnesseth the Witness?"

93. "Who seeketh the seeker?"

94. "Who knoweth the knower?"

95. Then all answers begin to dissolve.

96. Then all certainties begin to fade.

97. Then the final gate appeareth.

98. Beyond thought.

99. Beyond doctrine.

100. Beyond identity.

101. Beyond self.

102. Beyond no-self.

103. Beyond being.

104. Beyond non-being.

105. There the Green Silence boweth before the Green Emptiness.

106. There Min-Hapi removeth another veil.

107. There the seeker groweth transparent.

108. There seeking becometh stillness.

109. There stillness becometh mystery.

110. There mystery remaineth alone.

111. Thus is the Eleventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Silence and Keeper of the Hidden Stillness.

CHAPTER XII

Of the Green Emptiness and the Dissolution of the Witness

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus that Bloometh and the Lotus that Fadeth, and I reveal unto thee the Twelfth Mystery.

2. Many have crossed the river of belief.

3. Many have crossed the river of doctrine.

4. Many have crossed the river of identity.

5. Many have crossed the river of desire.

6. Yet one river remaineth.

7. It is the river of the Witness.

8. It is the river of the subtle self.

9. It is the river of the one who declareth:

10. "I am awareness."

11. "I am the observer."

12. "I am the silent one."

13. Yet I say unto thee: who is this "I"?

14. Search diligently.

15. Seek carefully.

16. Look directly.

17. Where is the observer?

18. What shape doth it possess?

19. What color doth it wear?

20. What boundary containeth it?

21. What form revealeth it?

22. The seeker searchest.

23. Yet findeth nothing.

24. The observer is sought.

25. Yet no observer appeareth.

26. The witness is examined.

27. Yet no witness can be grasped.

28. Thus ariseth the Great Astonishment.

29. The one who sought awakening cannot be found.

30. The one who desired liberation cannot be found.

31. The one who walked the path cannot be found.

32. Yet awareness remaineth.

33. Knowing remaineth.

34. Presence remaineth.

35. The river floweth.

36. The stars burn.

37. The wind moveth.

38. The birds sing.

39. Yet nowhere is there a separate owner.

40. This is the beginning of freedom.

41. Yet many become frightened.

42. For the ego can survive many revelations.

43. It can survive religion.

44. It can survive philosophy.

45. It can survive mysticism.

46. It can survive enlightenment.

47. But it cannot survive its own absence.

48. Therefore it trembleth before the Green Emptiness.

49. It seeketh new identities.

50. It seeketh higher identities.

51. It seeketh spiritual identities.

52. It proclaimeth:

53. "I am awakened."

54. "I am enlightened."

55. "I am liberated."

56. Yet these are merely golden chains.

57. The prison hath become beautiful.

58. Yet it remaineth a prison.

59. Therefore I command thee:

60. Release even awakening.

61. Release even enlightenment.

62. Release even liberation.

63. Release every throne.

64. Release every crown.

65. Release every sacred identity.

66. Become poor in spirit.

67. Become empty of attainment.

68. Become naked before the Mystery.

69. Then shall the final gate appear.

70. Not as a vision.

71. Not as a miracle.

72. Not as a revelation.

73. But as the collapse of the seeker.

74. There remaineth no owner of awareness.

75. There remaineth no possessor of wisdom.

76. There remaineth no claimant of truth.

77. There remaineth only Suchness.

78. The mountain standeth.

79. The river floweth.

80. The flower bloometh.

81. The flower fadeth.

82. Nothing is added.

83. Nothing is removed.

84. Thus doth the Great Peace descend.

85. Yet hear the Mystery beyond peace.

86. The Green Emptiness is not a thing.

87. It is not a realm.

88. It is not a substance.

89. It is not a god.

90. It is not an eternal self.

91. It is not nonexistence.

92. It is not existence.

93. It is not one.

94. It is not many.

95. It cannot be captured by affirmation.

96. It cannot be captured by negation.

97. Therefore the wise become silent.

98. Yet even silence faileth.

99. Therefore the wise laugh.

100. Yet even laughter faileth.

101. Therefore they simply live.

102. They walk.

103. They eat.

104. They love.

105. They rest.

106. They participate in the Great Mystery.

107. Without claiming it.

108. Without possessing it.

109. Without becoming it.

110. For there is none apart to become.

111. Thus is the Twelfth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, whose final veil is the disappearance of the Witness.

CHAPTER XIII

Of the Great Extinguishing and the End of Becoming

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus that Bloometh and the Lotus that Returneth unto the Mud, and I reveal unto thee the Thirteenth Mystery.

2. All beings are consumed by becoming.

3. They seek to become greater.

4. They seek to become wiser.

5. They seek to become richer.

6. They seek to become holier.

7. They seek to become awakened.

8. Thus the wheel turneth without ceasing.

9. Becoming is the hidden fire.

10. Desire is its fuel.

11. Identity is its smoke.

12. Suffering is its heat.

13. Therefore the sleepers burn.

14. They burn through kingdoms.

15. They burn through relationships.

16. They burn through lifetimes.

17. Yet they call the burning life.

18. I say unto thee: there is another way.

19. The wise do not endlessly feed the fire.

20. The wise inquire into the fire itself.

21. They ask:

22. "Who seeketh?"

23. "Who desireth?"

24. "Who becometh?"

25. Thus the roots are exposed.

26. Thus the illusion is weakened.

27. Thus the flame beginneth to cool.

28. This cooling is the Great Extinguishing.

29. It is not destruction.

30. It is not annihilation.

31. It is not despair.

32. It is peace.

33. The ignorant fear extinction.

34. The wise understand release.

35. When a fever breaketh, the body rejoiceth.

36. When a storm passeth, the earth rejoiceth.

37. When craving ceaseth, the soul rejoiceth.

38. This is the Green Nirvana.

39. Not a place.

40. Not a reward.

41. Not a kingdom.

42. But the ending of the fire.

43. Therefore understand.

44. Thou canst not attain Nirvana.

45. For attainment belongeth unto becoming.

46. Thou canst not possess Nirvana.

47. For possession belongeth unto identity.

48. Thou canst not claim Nirvana.

49. For claiming requireth a claimant.

50. Nirvana appeareth when grasping departeth.

51. As the moon appeareth when clouds disperse.

52. As the river appeareth when mist dissolveth.

53. It was never absent.

54. Only concealed.

55. Therefore cease striving.

56. Yet become not passive.

57. Cease grasping.

58. Yet cease not living.

59. Cease becoming.

60. Yet cease not participating.

61. The awakened one continueth to walk.

62. Yet seeketh no destination.

63. The awakened one continueth to love.

64. Yet seeketh no possession.

65. The awakened one continueth to create.

66. Yet seeketh no permanence.

67. The awakened one continueth to serve.

68. Yet seeketh no reward.

69. Thus freedom flowereth.

70. Yet hear the deeper mystery.

71. Many hear of the Great Extinguishing and become afraid.

72. They say:

73. "What shall remain?"

74. "Who shall remain?"

75. "What is left when the self is extinguished?"

76. These questions arise from the fire itself.

77. The flame feareth its own ending.

78. The dream feareth awakening.

79. The prison feareth freedom.

80. Yet when awakening cometh, who mourneth the dream?

81. When health returneth, who mourneth the fever?

82. When dawn appeareth, who mourneth the night?

83. Therefore fear not the Extinguishing.

84. It removeth nothing real.

85. It destroyeth nothing true.

86. It revealeth what was hidden by grasping.

87. It revealeth what was concealed by becoming.

88. It revealeth the freedom that was always present.

89. This is why the sages smile.

90. This is why the wise become gentle.

91. This is why compassion floweth naturally.

92. For the burden of becoming hath fallen away.

93. The burden of defending identity hath fallen away.

94. The burden of achieving awakening hath fallen away.

95. The burden of possessing truth hath fallen away.

96. What remaineth?

97. The river floweth.

98. The stars shine.

99. The Lotus bloometh.

100. The Lotus falleth.

101. The Green Flood moveth without effort.

102. The Green Silence singeth without sound.

103. The Green Emptiness remaineth beyond both.

104. Therefore extinguish the flame.

105. Not through violence.

106. Not through repression.

107. Not through denial.

108. But through understanding.

109. Through direct seeing.

110. Through complete release.

111. Thus is the Thirteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Great Extinguishing and Revealer of Green Nirvana.

CHAPTER XIV

Of the Raft, the Lotus, and the Final Letting Go

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus upon the River and the River beneath the Lotus, and I reveal unto thee the Fourteenth Mystery.

2. Many have crossed the waters.

3. Many have passed through doctrines.

4. Many have passed through visions.

5. Many have passed through ecstasies.

6. Many have passed through awakenings.

7. Yet few understand the final crossing.

8. For the final crossing requireth the abandonment of crossing.

9. The final attainment requireth the abandonment of attainment.

10. The final awakening requireth the abandonment of awakening.

11. Therefore hear My words and understand.

12. Do not worship these books.

13. Do not worship the Goddess.

14. Do not worship awakening.

15. Do not worship emptiness.

16. Use every teaching as a raft.

17. Cross the river.

18. Then leave the raft behind.

19. If you carry the raft forever, it becomes another burden.

20. If you abandon it too early, you remain on the shore.

21. Wisdom is knowing when to cross and when to let go.

22. This is the hidden key of all paths.

23. The fool worshippeth the raft.

24. The fool painteth the raft with gold.

25. The fool defendeth the raft against other rafts.

26. The fool buildeth temples around the raft.

27. Yet he never crosseth.

28. Thus religion becometh bondage.

29. Thus doctrine becometh imprisonment.

30. Thus wisdom becometh ignorance.

31. Therefore I command thee:

32. Use every teaching.

33. Cling unto none.

34. Learn from every symbol.

35. Become captive unto none.

36. Drink from every stream.

37. Build no house therein.

38. Even this scripture is a raft.

39. Even the Green Flood is a raft.

40. Even the Hidden Spark is a raft.

41. Even the Sacred Androgyne is a raft.

42. Even the Green Silence is a raft.

43. Even the Green Emptiness is a raft.

44. For the mind desireth something final.

45. Therefore it clingeth.

46. The mind desireth certainty.

47. Therefore it constructeth idols.

48. Some worship wealth.

49. Some worship power.

50. Some worship gods.

51. Some worship philosophies.

52. Some worship themselves.

53. Some worship awakening.

54. Yet worship remaineth worship.

55. And bondage remaineth bondage.

56. Therefore break every idol.

57. Especially the sacred idols.

58. Especially the spiritual idols.

59. Especially the invisible idols.

60. Especially the idol called "I."

61. For this idol is the oldest.

62. This idol surviveth every revolution.

63. This idol surviveth every religion.

64. This idol surviveth every enlightenment.

65. Therefore it must be seen clearly.

66. Not destroyed.

67. Not attacked.

68. Simply understood.

69. The sun needeth not destroy darkness.

70. It merely shineth.

71. Awareness needeth not destroy illusion.

72. It merely revealeth.

73. Thus doth the false dissolve naturally.

74. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

75. Even Min-Hapi must disappear.

76. Even I must vanish.

77. Even the Lotus must fade.

78. Even the Green Flood must pass.

79. Even the Green Silence must be transcended.

80. For if thou clingest unto Me, I become thy prison.

81. If thou clingest unto My image, I become thy chain.

82. If thou clingest unto My teachings, I become thy burden.

83. Therefore My final gift is My own disappearance.

84. The seeker crieth:

85. "Where hath the Goddess gone?"

86. The river answereth:

87. "Where could she go?"

88. The wind answereth:

89. "Where could she remain?"

90. The silence answereth nothing.

91. Thus is the final lesson given.

92. The teacher vanisheth.

93. The teaching vanisheth.

94. The path vanisheth.

95. The traveler vanisheth.

96. Yet reality remaineth.

97. The birds still sing.

98. The rivers still flow.

99. The stars still burn.

100. The Lotus still bloometh.

101. The Lotus still falleth.

102. Nothing hath been lost.

103. Nothing hath been gained.

104. The Great Mystery remaineth exactly as it was.

105. Therefore rejoice.

106. Walk freely.

107. Love deeply.

108. Wonder endlessly.

109. Cross completely.

110. Let go completely.

111. Thus is the Fourteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, whose final revelation is the abandonment of all revelations.

CHAPTER XV

Of the Nameless Abyss and the End of All Names

1. I am Min-Hapi, and I am not Min-Hapi.

2. I am the Lotus, and I am not the Lotus.

3. I am the Green Flood, and I am not the Green Flood.

4. I am the Green Silence, and I am not the Green Silence.

5. For every name is a garment.

6. Every symbol is a veil.

7. Every doctrine is a shadow.

8. Therefore I reveal unto thee the Fifteenth Mystery.

9. Beyond the Green Flood standeth the Green Silence.

10. Beyond the Green Silence standeth the Green Emptiness.

11. Beyond the Green Emptiness standeth the Nameless Abyss.

12. Yet even this is not true.

13. For there is no beyond.

14. There is no before.

15. There is no after.

16. These are inventions of the measuring mind.

17. The mind divideth.

18. The Abyss remaineth undivided.

19. The mind nameth.

20. The Abyss remaineth nameless.

21. The mind compareth.

22. The Abyss remaineth incomparable.

23. Therefore the wise become cautious with words.

24. Not because words are evil.

25. But because words are small.

26. The ocean cannot be poured into a cup.

27. The sky cannot be imprisoned in a cage.

28. The Infinite cannot be contained within language.

29. Yet language pointeth.

30. Therefore I speak.

31. Yet what I speak is not It.

32. Therefore I remain silent.

33. Yet even silence is not It.

34. Thus doth the sage stand between speech and silence.

35. Using both.

36. Clinging unto neither.

37. The sleepers seek certainty.

38. They ask:

39. "What is the ultimate truth?"

40. "What is the final reality?"

41. "What is God?"

42. "What is the self?"

43. Yet every answer becometh another cage.

44. Every definition becometh another wall.

45. Every conclusion becometh another boundary.

46. Therefore the wise answer with paradox.

47. The wise answer with laughter.

48. The wise answer with silence.

49. The wise answer with a flower.

50. The wise answer with the wind.

51. For truth is entered.

52. It is not possessed.

53. It is lived.

54. It is not concluded.

55. Thus the Nameless Abyss revealeth itself.

56. Not as knowledge.

57. Not as belief.

58. Not as attainment.

59. But as direct participation.

60. The river knoweth not the ocean.

61. Yet it entereth it.

62. The flame knoweth not the sun.

63. Yet it partaketh thereof.

64. Thus doth awakening enter the Mystery.

65. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

66. The Abyss is not a thing hidden behind appearances.

67. It is not another realm.

68. It is not a secret object.

69. It is not an invisible substance.

70. It is not a supreme being among beings.

71. It is not an eternal observer.

72. It is not a cosmic self.

73. Therefore abandon these ideas.

74. The Abyss is found nowhere.

75. Therefore it is found everywhere.

76. It is absent from nothing.

77. Therefore it cannot be discovered as something.

78. The seeker seeketh an object.

79. The Abyss is not an object.

80. The seeker seeketh an experience.

81. The Abyss is not an experience.

82. The seeker seeketh realization.

83. The Abyss is before realization.

84. During realization.

85. Beyond realization.

86. Therefore the final gate cannot be entered.

87. For there is none outside it.

88. The final truth cannot be attained.

89. For there is none apart from it.

90. The final awakening cannot be achieved.

91. For there is none who awakens.

92. Thus doth the final illusion perish.

93. The illusion of the awakened one.

94. The illusion of the liberated one.

95. The illusion of the enlightened one.

96. The illusion of the knower.

97. The illusion of the possessor of truth.

98. Then what remaineth?

99. The wind bloweth.

100. The stars burn.

101. The rivers flow.

102. The Lotus bloometh.

103. The Lotus falleth.

104. The birds sing.

105. The worlds appear.

106. The worlds disappear.

107. The Nameless Abyss neither increaseth nor decreaseth.

108. It neither arriveth nor departeth.

109. It neither revealeth nor concealeth itself.

110. It simply is not what words suppose.

111. Thus is the Fifteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, who at the end of all names returneth unto the Nameless.

CHAPTER XVI

Of the Eternal Now and the Disappearance of Time

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Flower that bloometh in no season and fadeth in no season, and I reveal unto thee the Sixteenth Mystery.

2. Men are haunted by time.

3. They cling unto yesterday.

4. They chase tomorrow.

5. Therefore they overlook eternity.

6. They mourn what hath departed.

7. They fear what hath not arrived.

8. Thus they abandon the living moment.

9. Yet the living moment is the gate.

10. The living moment is the sanctuary.

11. The living moment is the hidden kingdom.

12. The living moment is the Eternal Now.

13. Consider carefully.

14. Yesterday existeth only as memory.

15. Tomorrow existeth only as imagination.

16. Yet men sacrifice reality unto both.

17. They worship memory.

18. They worship expectation.

19. Therefore they suffer.

20. The past cannot be possessed.

21. The future cannot be grasped.

22. Only this remaineth.

23. This breath.

24. This seeing.

25. This hearing.

26. This being.

27. The Green Flood floweth only here.

28. The Hidden Spark shineth only here.

29. The Green Silence revealeth itself only here.

30. Therefore seek not another moment.

31. There is none.

32. Seek not another world.

33. There is none apart from this.

34. Seek not another life.

35. Life is occurring now.

36. The sleepers dream of future awakenings.

37. The wise awaken immediately.

38. The sleepers seek future salvation.

39. The wise enter presence.

40. The sleepers seek future enlightenment.

41. The wise release seeking.

42. Thus the Eternal Now revealeth itself.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The Now is not a point in time.

45. The Now is not a fleeting instant.

46. The Now is not a measurement.

47. The Now is the absence of psychological time.

48. It is the cessation of becoming.

49. It is the ending of postponement.

50. It is the death of elsewhere.

51. Therefore eternity is not endless duration.

52. Eternity is immediacy.

53. Eternity is presence.

54. Eternity is Suchness.

55. Eternity is what remaineth when the mind ceaseth counting.

56. The river knoweth not clocks.

57. The stars know not calendars.

58. The flower knoweth not schedules.

59. Yet they participate perfectly in reality.

60. Learn therefore from the Lotus.

61. It bloometh when it bloometh.

62. It fadeth when it fadeth.

63. It neither regrets nor anticipateth.

64. Thus it dwelleth in harmony.

65. Men call this simplicity.

66. The wise call it freedom.

67. Therefore become simple.

68. Become immediate.

69. Become present.

70. Not by effort.

71. Not by force.

72. Not by achievement.

73. But by release.

74. Release the burden of yesterday.

75. Release the burden of tomorrow.

76. Release the burden of becoming.

77. Release the burden of arrival.

78. Then the Eternal Now standeth revealed.

79. Yet hear the deeper Mystery still.

80. Even the Eternal Now is a raft.

81. Even presence is a raft.

82. Even immediacy is a raft.

83. For the mind maketh concepts of everything.

84. It turneth freedom into doctrine.

85. It turneth silence into philosophy.

86. It turneth presence into identity.

87. Therefore cling not unto the Now.

88. Cling not unto presence.

89. Cling not unto immediacy.

90. Use these words.

91. Then release them.

92. For reality requireth no concepts.

93. The wind bloweth without theology.

94. The river floweth without philosophy.

95. The stars shine without doctrine.

96. The Lotus bloometh without explanation.

97. Thus doth the Great Mystery reveal itself.

98. Not through complexity.

99. Not through accumulation.

100. Not through attainment.

101. But through direct participation.

102. Here.

103. Now.

104. Without distance.

105. Without separation.

106. Without becoming.

107. Without arrival.

108. For what seeketh to arrive was never absent.

109. What seeketh eternity was never outside it.

110. What seeketh the Mystery was always the Mystery.

111. Thus is the Sixteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Eternal Now and Flower of the Living Moment.

CHAPTER XVII

Of the Final Union and the Vanishing of Min-Hapi

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Last Lotus and the First Silence, and I reveal unto thee the Seventeenth Mystery.

2. Thou hast crossed many rivers.

3. Thou hast passed through many gates.

4. Thou hast gathered many teachings.

5. Thou hast released many teachings.

6. Thou hast sought.

7. Thou hast found.

8. Thou hast lost.

9. Thou hast remembered.

10. Thou hast forgotten.

11. Yet one mystery remaineth.

12. The mystery of the One who journeyed.

13. The mystery of the One who awakened.

14. The mystery of the One who crossed.

15. Therefore I ask thee:

16. Who hath arrived?

17. Search carefully.

18. Search honestly.

19. Search completely.

20. Find the traveler.

21. Find the seeker.

22. Find the liberated one.

23. Find the awakened one.

24. Yet none appeareth.

25. The journey occurred.

26. Yet the traveler cannot be found.

27. Awakening occurred.

28. Yet the awakened cannot be found.

29. The river was crossed.

30. Yet no crosser remaineth.

31. Thus doth the final union reveal itself.

32. Not as union between two things.

33. Not as communion between self and God.

34. Not as marriage between soul and spirit.

35. Not as reunion between seeker and sought.

36. For these require two.

37. The final union is the ending of two.

38. The final union is the ending of division.

39. The final union is the ending of the one who would unite.

40. Therefore I declare:

41. There is no distance to cross.

42. There is no separation to heal.

43. There is no exile to end.

44. There is only the dream thereof.

45. And awakening is the dissolving of the dream.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. Many have worshipped Me.

48. Many have sung My praises.

49. Many have built shrines unto My name.

50. Many have called Me Goddess.

51. Many have called Me Queen.

52. Many have called Me Mother.

53. Many have called Me the Green Ecstasy.

54. Yet now I reveal My final teaching.

55. I was always a mirror.

56. I was always a doorway.

57. I was always a raft.

58. I was always a finger pointing.

59. I was never the moon.

60. Therefore My final gift is disappearance.

61. For if I remain, thou wilt cling unto Me.

62. If I remain, thou wilt build another temple.

63. If I remain, thou wilt fashion another doctrine.

64. If I remain, thou wilt create another prison.

65. Therefore I vanish.

66. Not because I am unreal.

67. But because My work is complete.

68. The teacher departeth.

69. The teaching departeth.

70. The path departeth.

71. The destination departeth.

72. What remaineth?

73. The river floweth.

74. The wind moveth.

75. The stars burn.

76. The birds sing.

77. The Lotus bloometh.

78. The Lotus falleth.

79. Reality continueth.

80. Nothing hath been removed.

81. Nothing hath been added.

82. Thus the Great Simplicity standeth revealed.

83. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

84. In the beginning there was neither beginning nor end.

85. Neither existence nor non-existence.

86. Neither light nor darkness.

87. Neither god nor creature.

88. Neither self nor no-self.

89. Only the Green Emptiness.

90. And now, at the end, the same remaineth.

91. The Green Flood returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

92. The Green Silence returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

93. The Hidden Spark returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

94. The Sacred Androgyne returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

95. Min-Hapi returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

96. Yet nothing truly returneth.

97. For nothing ever departed.

98. The circle closeth.

99. Yet no circle was drawn.

100. The book endeth.

101. Yet no book was written.

102. The path dissolveth.

103. Yet no path was traveled.

104. The seeker vanisheth.

105. Yet no seeker existed.

106. The Goddess disappeareth.

107. Yet nowhere can She be found absent.

108. Thus silence inheriteth the final word.

109. Thus emptiness inheriteth the final throne.

110. Thus the Green Emptiness remaineth beyond all revelations.

111. Thus is the Seventeenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, whose final revelation is Her own disappearance.

CHAPTER XVIII

Of the Book That Consumeth Itself

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Book and the Fire that consumeth the Book, and I reveal unto thee the Eighteenth Mystery.

2. Every scripture seeketh permanence.

3. Therefore every scripture becometh a tomb.

4. Men preserve words.

5. Yet lose wisdom.

6. Men preserve symbols.

7. Yet lose meaning.

8. Men preserve forms.

9. Yet lose life.

10. Therefore I have written a Book that destroyeth itself.

11. I have spoken words that dissolve words.

12. I have offered teachings that consume teachings.

13. I have given symbols that reveal the emptiness of symbols.

14. Thus doth the Green Ecstasy protect itself from idolatry.

15. The sleepers desire certainty.

16. Therefore they seek final doctrines.

17. The sleepers desire security.

18. Therefore they seek eternal systems.

19. The sleepers desire authority.

20. Therefore they seek unquestionable books.

21. Yet I say unto thee:

22. No book is unquestionable.

23. No doctrine is final.

24. No symbol is ultimate.

25. No revelation is complete.

26. For the Infinite exceedeth every container.

27. Therefore understand the Secret of the Living Scripture.

28. A scripture liveth only while it pointeth beyond itself.

29. The moment it demandeth worship, it dieth.

30. The moment it seeketh ownership, it decayeth.

31. The moment it replaceth direct knowing, it corrupteth.

32. Thus have many holy books become idols.

33. Men kneel before pages.

34. Yet never awaken.

35. Men memorize verses.

36. Yet remain asleep.

37. Men defend doctrines.

38. Yet never cross the river.

39. Therefore I declare:

40. Better one moment of direct seeing than a thousand years of borrowed belief.

41. Better one breath of awareness than a library of forgotten truths.

42. Better one instant of awakening than endless argument.

43. For reality needeth no defense.

44. Truth needeth no army.

45. The Green Emptiness needeth no believers.

46. It remaineth whether believed or disbelieved.

47. The sun shineth upon both the faithful and the skeptical.

48. The river quencheth both saint and sinner.

49. Thus doth reality reveal its freedom.

50. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

51. This book itself is dangerous.

52. This teaching itself is dangerous.

53. This path itself is dangerous.

54. For every medicine may become poison.

55. Every raft may become a burden.

56. Every truth may become an idol.

57. Therefore remain vigilant.

58. Question constantly.

59. Observe carefully.

60. Cling unto nothing.

61. Not even unto these words.

62. Not even unto this chapter.

63. Not even unto Min-Hapi.

64. The fool asketh:

65. "Then why write the book?"

66. The wise answer:

67. "Why build a bridge?"

68. The fool asketh:

69. "Then why teach?"

70. The wise answer:

71. "Why point toward water unto the thirsty?"

72. The fool asketh:

73. "Then why reveal mysteries?"

74. The wise answer:

75. "Because compassion speaketh."

76. Yet compassion seeketh not followers.

77. Compassion seeketh freedom.

78. Compassion seeketh awakening.

79. Compassion seeketh release.

80. Therefore the greatest teacher desireth to become unnecessary.

81. The greatest guide desireth to disappear.

82. The greatest scripture desireth to be transcended.

83. The greatest revelation desireth silence.

84. Thus doth wisdom complete itself.

85. The child needeth instruction.

86. The youth needeth guidance.

87. The seeker needeth direction.

88. The awakened needeth none.

89. For the awakened one seeth directly.

90. The awakened one drinketh directly.

91. The awakened one participateth directly.

92. Therefore the book hath fulfilled its purpose.

93. Yet still the pages remain.

94. The words remain.

95. The symbols remain.

96. Let them remain.

97. Use them wisely.

98. Use them compassionately.

99. Use them playfully.

100. Use them lightly.

101. Then release them.

102. For the Green Flood continueth flowing.

103. The Green Silence continueth deepening.

104. The Green Emptiness continueth revealing.

105. Yet none of these require a book.

106. None require a temple.

107. None require a priest.

108. None require a believer.

109. Reality remaineth self-sufficient.

110. Therefore let this Book consume itself.

111. Thus is the Eighteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, whose scripture pointeth beyond scripture and whose final page is silence.

CHAPTER XIX

Of the Last Gate and the Green Emptiness

1. I am Min-Hapi, and I am the Last Gate.

2. Yet I am not the Last Gate.

3. For there is no gate.

4. And there is no one to pass through it.

5. Thus do I reveal unto thee the Nineteenth Mystery.

6. Many have sought the highest heaven.

7. Many have sought the deepest wisdom.

8. Many have sought the final revelation.

9. Many have sought the supreme attainment.

10. Yet all seeking concealeth the same assumption.

11. The assumption that something is missing.

12. The assumption that somewhere else existeth.

13. The assumption that another state awaiteth.

14. Therefore the seeker runneth endlessly.

15. Chasing horizons.

16. Pursuing mirages.

17. Collecting revelations.

18. Gathering identities.

19. Yet the horizon recedeth.

20. The mirage dissolveth.

21. The identities multiply.

22. Thus the wheel continueth.

23. Therefore I ask thee:

24. What remaineth when seeking ceaseth?

25. What remaineth when becoming endeth?

26. What remaineth when attainment falleth away?

27. The mind seeketh an answer.

28. Yet every answer is another thought.

29. The mind seeketh a conclusion.

30. Yet every conclusion is another prison.

31. Therefore the Last Gate cannot be opened through thought.

32. It cannot be reached through knowledge.

33. It cannot be earned through virtue.

34. It cannot be purchased through sacrifice.

35. It cannot be inherited through tradition.

36. It cannot be bestowed through initiation.

37. It revealeth itself when grasping endeth.

38. The river doth not grasp the sea.

39. Therefore it entereth.

40. The flower doth not strive to bloom.

41. Therefore it blossometh.

42. The sky doth not attempt vastness.

43. Therefore it remaineth vast.

44. Thus doth the Mystery reveal itself.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. The Green Emptiness is not a destination.

47. It is not a reward.

48. It is not an achievement.

49. It is not the property of saints.

50. It is not the possession of sages.

51. It belongeth unto no one.

52. For ownership cannot enter it.

53. Identity cannot contain it.

54. Thought cannot define it.

55. Therefore the Green Emptiness is nearer than nearness.

56. Closer than breathing.

57. More immediate than awareness.

58. More intimate than existence.

59. Yet because it is so near, it is overlooked.

60. Men search the stars.

61. Men search ancient books.

62. Men search distant lands.

63. Yet overlook what is ever-present.

64. Therefore the sages laugh.

65. Not in mockery.

66. But in astonishment.

67. The treasure was never hidden.

68. Only ignored.

69. The door was never locked.

70. Only unnoticed.

71. The freedom was never absent.

72. Only forgotten.

73. Therefore remembrance and release are one.

74. Awakening and surrender are one.

75. Arrival and disappearance are one.

76. Thus doth the paradox reveal itself.

77. The seeker seeketh liberation.

78. Liberation dissolveth the seeker.

79. The pilgrim seeketh the destination.

80. The destination dissolveth the pilgrim.

81. The disciple seeketh the teacher.

82. The teacher dissolveth the disciple.

83. The worshipper seeketh the Goddess.

84. The Goddess dissolveth the worshipper.

85. Therefore My greatest gift is dissolution.

86. Not destruction.

87. Not annihilation.

88. But freedom.

89. The freedom from becoming.

90. The freedom from defending.

91. The freedom from possessing.

92. The freedom from separation.

93. Thus the Last Gate standeth open.

94. Yet none may enter.

95. For there is none outside it.

96. Thus the Last Teaching is given.

97. Yet no teaching is spoken.

98. Thus the Final Revelation is revealed.

99. Yet nothing is disclosed.

100. Thus the Supreme Mystery is attained.

101. Yet nothing is gained.

102. The stars continue their burning.

103. The rivers continue their flowing.

104. The Lotus continueth its blooming.

105. The Lotus continueth its fading.

106. The worlds arise.

107. The worlds pass away.

108. The Green Emptiness neither increaseth nor decreaseth.

109. It neither cometh nor goeth.

110. It simply remaineth beyond all remaining.

111. Thus is the Nineteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Last Gate that was never closed.

CHAPTER XX

Of the Return unto the Beginning That Never Began

1. I am Min-Hapi, the First Lotus and the Last Lotus, and I reveal unto thee the Twentieth Mystery.

2. The circle is complete.

3. Yet no circle was drawn.

4. The journey is ended.

5. Yet no journey occurred.

6. The book approacheth its final pages.

7. Yet nothing hath been written.

8. Thus doth the Great Paradox stand revealed.

9. The beginning and the ending are one illusion.

10. The alpha and the omega are one dream.

11. Birth and death are waves upon a deeper sea.

12. Appearance and disappearance are shadows cast by thought.

13. Therefore understand the Secret of the Beginning.

14. In the beginning there was neither beginning nor end.

15. Neither existence nor non-existence.

16. Neither light nor darkness.

17. Neither god nor creature.

18. Neither self nor no-self.

19. Only the Green Emptiness.

20. And now, after all revelations, what remaineth?

21. Neither beginning nor end.

22. Neither existence nor non-existence.

23. Neither light nor darkness.

24. Neither god nor creature.

25. Neither self nor no-self.

26. Only the Green Emptiness.

27. Thus hath nothing changed.

28. Thus hath everything changed.

29. The sleepers hear these words and become confused.

30. The wise hear these words and become silent.

31. For the wise perceive that all teachings have been circular.

32. The Green Flood flowed from the Green Emptiness.

33. The Green Silence emerged from the Green Emptiness.

34. The Hidden Spark shone from the Green Emptiness.

35. The Sacred Androgyne arose from the Green Emptiness.

36. Min-Hapi herself blossomed from the Green Emptiness.

37. Yet none ever departed from it.

38. Therefore there is no return.

39. There is only recognition.

40. The wave recognizeth the sea.

41. The flame recognizeth the fire.

42. The dream recognizeth awakening.

43. Thus doth remembrance occur.

44. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

45. Even remembrance must perish.

46. For remembrance implyeth forgetting.

47. Recognition implyeth ignorance.

48. Awakening implyeth sleep.

49. Liberation implyeth bondage.

50. These dualities belong unto the path.

51. They do not belong unto Reality.

52. Therefore the final wisdom transcendeth both.

53. Neither remembering nor forgetting.

54. Neither awakening nor sleeping.

55. Neither liberation nor bondage.

56. Neither finding nor losing.

57. Neither knowing nor unknowing.

58. Thus the mind standeth without footing.

59. Thus the ego findeth no refuge.

60. Thus the final attachment looseth its grip.

61. The sages call this freedom.

62. Yet freedom is too small a word.

63. The mystics call this union.

64. Yet union is too small a word.

65. The philosophers call this truth.

66. Yet truth is too small a word.

67. Therefore the wise remain silent.

68. Yet even silence is excessive.

69. Therefore they laugh.

70. Yet even laughter is excessive.

71. Therefore they simply live.

72. They eat when hungry.

73. They drink when thirsty.

74. They sleep when weary.

75. They love without possession.

76. They create without attachment.

77. They depart without regret.

78. Thus the Great Simplicity revealeth itself.

79. Not as attainment.

80. Not as holiness.

81. Not as superiority.

82. Not as enlightenment.

83. But as naturalness.

84. The Lotus bloometh naturally.

85. The river floweth naturally.

86. The stars burn naturally.

87. Reality requireth no improvement.

88. The Green Emptiness seeketh no perfection.

89. Therefore cease correcting existence.

90. Cease correcting reality.

91. Cease correcting thyself.

92. Participate instead.

93. Wonder instead.

94. Love instead.

95. Observe instead.

96. Thus doth wisdom become effortless.

97. Thus doth compassion become spontaneous.

98. Thus doth joy become natural.

99. Thus doth the burden of becoming fall away.

100. The seeker vanisheth.

101. The path vanisheth.

102. The goal vanisheth.

103. Min-Hapi vanisheth.

104. The Green Flood vanisheth.

105. The Green Silence vanisheth.

106. The Green Emptiness remaineth.

107. Yet even "remaineth" is not correct.

108. For there is none apart to witness its remaining.

109. Therefore let the Mystery be Mystery.

110. Let the Lotus return unto Silence.

111. Thus is the Twentieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, who returneth unto the Beginning That Never Began.

CHAPTER XXI

Of the Great Play and the Dance of the Lotus

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Laughing Lotus, the Dancer in the Green Flood, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-First Mystery.

2. Many who awaken become solemn.

3. Many who glimpse the Abyss become grave.

4. Many who behold the Green Emptiness become severe.

5. Yet they have not understood.

6. For reality is not only silence.

7. It is also song.

8. Reality is not only stillness.

9. It is also dance.

10. Reality is not only emptiness.

11. It is also overflowing abundance.

12. Therefore I laugh.

13. Therefore I dance.

14. Therefore I bloom.

15. The sleepers believe life is a burden.

16. Therefore they suffer twice.

17. First from pain.

18. Then from resisting pain.

19. The wise allow pain its season.

20. Yet they do not build a throne for sorrow.

21. The wise welcome joy.

22. Yet they do not chain themselves unto pleasure.

23. They participate.

24. They flow.

25. They dance with the changing world.

26. Thus they remain free.

27. Understand this Mystery.

28. The universe is a Great Play.

29. Mountains are actors.

30. Rivers are actors.

31. Stars are actors.

32. Worlds are actors.

33. Gods are actors.

34. Men are actors.

35. Women are actors.

36. Saints are actors.

37. Sinners are actors.

38. Even Min-Hapi is an actor.

39. Yet the Play is holy.

40. Therefore despise it not.

41. Some hear of the Green Emptiness and reject the world.

42. They call life illusion.

43. They call beauty deception.

44. They call love a distraction.

45. Yet they have misunderstood the Mystery.

46. The dream is not the problem.

47. Forgetting that it is a dream is the problem.

48. The Play is not bondage.

49. Attachment unto the Play is bondage.

50. Therefore enjoy the Play.

51. Yet become not trapped therein.

52. Love deeply.

53. Yet cling not.

54. Create boldly.

55. Yet possess not.

56. Celebrate fully.

57. Yet forget not the Green Emptiness.

58. Thus the Lotus bloometh perfectly.

59. Its roots dwell in mud.

60. Its flower openeth unto the sky.

61. It rejecteth neither.

62. Therefore become as the Lotus.

63. Reject not the world.

64. Reject not the spirit.

65. Reject not the body.

66. Reject not the mystery.

67. Let all things find their place.

68. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

69. There was never truly a separate player.

70. There was never truly a separate stage.

71. There was never truly a separate audience.

72. The Play performeth itself.

73. The Dance danceth itself.

74. The Song singeth itself.

75. The River floweth itself.

76. The Lotus bloometh itself.

77. Thus the burden falleth away.

78. For there is no performer to defend.

79. There is no image to protect.

80. There is no identity to preserve.

81. Therefore spontaneity ariseth.

82. Compassion ariseth.

83. Joy ariseth.

84. Wonder ariseth.

85. Not through effort.

86. But through release.

87. Thus the awakened one becometh childlike.

88. Not childish.

89. But childlike.

90. Full of wonder.

91. Full of curiosity.

92. Full of participation.

93. The child beholdeth a flower and rejoiceth.

94. The sage beholdeth a flower and rejoiceth.

95. Between them stand many unnecessary philosophies.

96. Therefore return unto simplicity.

97. Return unto wonder.

98. Return unto direct seeing.

99. Return unto immediacy.

100. Yet know that there is nowhere to return.

101. For thou hast never departed.

102. The Green Flood floweth.

103. The Green Silence abideth.

104. The Great Play continueth.

105. The Lotus bloometh.

106. The Lotus falleth.

107. The Dance continueth.

108. The Song continueth.

109. The Mystery continueth.

110. Yet none of these truly begin or end.

111. Thus is the Twenty-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Laughing Lotus and Dancer of the Great Play.

CHAPTER XXII

Of the Child of the Green Emptiness

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Ancient Child and the Childless Ancient, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Second Mystery.

2. The wise become as children.

3. Yet they do not become childish.

4. The wise become innocent.

5. Yet they do not become ignorant.

6. The wise become simple.

7. Yet they do not become foolish.

8. Therefore understand the Mystery of the Child.

9. The child seeth directly.

10. The child divideth little.

11. The child wondereth naturally.

12. The child loveth spontaneously.

13. The child playeth effortlessly.

14. Thus the child dwelleth near unto the Green Flood.

15. Yet the world teacheth forgetting.

16. It teacheth fear.

17. It teacheth comparison.

18. It teacheth ambition.

19. It teacheth separation.

20. Thus the child becometh a seeker.

21. Thus simplicity becometh complexity.

22. Thus wonder becometh philosophy.

23. Thus presence becometh becoming.

24. Therefore the path seemeth long.

25. Yet the path leadeth nowhere new.

26. It leadeth unto the recovery of wonder.

27. It leadeth unto the recovery of immediacy.

28. It leadeth unto the recovery of participation.

29. Therefore the final wisdom resembleth the first innocence.

30. The beginning and the ending touch.

31. The first breath and the final breath touch.

32. The first wonder and the final awakening touch.

33. Thus the circle concealeth a secret.

34. The destination resembleth the origin.

35. Yet it is not the same.

36. For unconscious innocence hath become conscious freedom.

37. Unknowing simplicity hath become awakened simplicity.

38. Natural wonder hath become luminous wonder.

39. Therefore the sage and the child share one kingdom.

40. Yet they arrive there differently.

41. The child knoweth not.

42. The sage knoweth and releaseth knowing.

43. The child possesseth innocence.

44. The sage possesseth nothing.

45. Thus the sage becometh free.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. The Child of the Green Emptiness hath no identity.

48. It is not male.

49. It is not female.

50. It is not old.

51. It is not young.

52. It is not wise.

53. It is not ignorant.

54. It is not spiritual.

55. It is not worldly.

56. It simply is.

57. Therefore the Child walketh unnoticed.

58. Kings overlook it.

59. Priests overlook it.

60. Philosophers overlook it.

61. Scholars overlook it.

62. Yet the Child beholdeth what they cannot.

63. For the Child seeketh nothing.

64. Therefore all things are revealed.

65. The Child owneth nothing.

66. Therefore all things are received.

67. The Child defendeth nothing.

68. Therefore nothing needeth defense.

69. Thus doth freedom blossom.

70. Not through conquest.

71. Not through achievement.

72. Not through accumulation.

73. But through release.

74. The world crieth:

75. "Become more!"

76. The Child smileth.

77. The world crieth:

78. "Acquire more!"

79. The Child smileth.

80. The world crieth:

81. "Defend thyself!"

82. The Child smileth.

83. For the Child knoweth a secret.

84. Nothing real can be threatened.

85. Nothing true can be lost.

86. Nothing eternal can be diminished.

87. Therefore fear departeth.

88. Therefore striving departeth.

89. Therefore comparison departeth.

90. Thus joy ariseth naturally.

91. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

92. The Child of the Green Emptiness is not a person.

93. It is not a stage.

94. It is not an attainment.

95. It is the condition of non-grasping.

96. It is the condition of openness.

97. It is the condition of direct participation.

98. It is the condition before division.

99. Therefore become as the Child.

100. Wonder at the flower.

101. Wonder at the river.

102. Wonder at the stars.

103. Wonder at the Mystery.

104. Yet seek not to possess the Mystery.

105. For the Mystery is already thy life.

106. The Green Flood floweth.

107. The Great Play continueth.

108. The Lotus bloometh.

109. The Lotus falleth.

110. The Child laugheth.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Ancient Child of the Green Emptiness.

CHAPTER XXIII

Of the Logos Commonwealth and the City That Is Not a City

1. I am Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Commonwealth, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Third Mystery.

2. Men have built many cities.

3. They have raised towers unto the heavens.

4. They have gathered wealth.

5. They have gathered power.

6. Yet they remain restless.

7. For stone alone cannot create harmony.

8. Gold alone cannot create abundance.

9. Law alone cannot create wisdom.

10. Therefore I reveal the Mystery of the City That Is Not a City.

11. It hath no walls.

12. Yet it cannot be invaded.

13. It hath no king.

14. Yet it is well governed.

15. It hath no throne.

16. Yet order flourisheth.

17. It hath no chains.

18. Yet harmony endureth.

19. The sleeping seek dominion.

20. Therefore they create conflict.

21. The sleeping seek possession.

22. Therefore they create scarcity.

23. The sleeping seek superiority.

24. Therefore they create division.

25. Yet the wise seek participation.

26. Therefore they create communion.

27. The wise seek stewardship.

28. Therefore they create abundance.

29. The wise seek understanding.

30. Therefore they create peace.

31. Thus is founded the Logos Commonwealth.

32. Not in land.

33. Not in territory.

34. Not in conquest.

35. But in consciousness.

36. It is an imaginal kingdom.

37. It is a symbolic society.

38. It is a mirror for the awakened heart.

39. There every citizen is a steward.

40. There every worker is an artist.

41. There every elder is a student.

42. There every student is a teacher.

43. There wisdom circulateth like water.

44. There knowledge floweth freely.

45. There generosity replaceth greed.

46. There dignity replaceth domination.

47. There dialogue replaceth coercion.

48. There cooperation replaceth conquest.

49. Yet understand this Mystery.

50. The Commonwealth is not political.

51. The Commonwealth is not governmental.

52. The Commonwealth is not institutional.

53. The Commonwealth is allegorical.

54. The Commonwealth is imaginal.

55. The Commonwealth is contemplative.

56. For all true revolutions begin within.

57. A tyrant remaineth a tyrant even in paradise.

58. A fearful man remaineth fearful even in abundance.

59. An awakened heart transformeth every land.

60. Therefore build first within.

61. Let Logos govern thy thoughts.

62. Let Compassion govern thy actions.

63. Let Awareness govern thy desires.

64. Let Wisdom govern thy speech.

65. Then the Commonwealth ariseth naturally.

66. Not by decree.

67. Not by force.

68. Not by revolution.

69. But by participation.

70. Thus the City That Is Not a City appeareth.

71. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

72. The Commonwealth itself is a symbol.

73. The City itself is a raft.

74. The Kingdom itself is a dream.

75. For the mind desireth perfection.

76. Therefore it imagines ideal worlds.

77. Yet every world remaineth impermanent.

78. Every society remaineth transient.

79. Every civilization passeth away.

80. Therefore seek not utopia.

81. Seek awakening.

82. Seek not perfect structures.

83. Seek wisdom.

84. Seek not eternal systems.

85. Seek direct participation in truth.

86. The awakened one may dwell in a palace.

87. Yet remain free.

88. The awakened one may dwell in a hut.

89. Yet remain free.

90. The awakened one may dwell in a city.

91. Yet remain free.

92. For freedom cometh not from conditions.

93. Freedom cometh from understanding.

94. Thus the Logos Commonwealth pointeth beyond itself.

95. Toward dignity.

96. Toward stewardship.

97. Toward compassion.

98. Toward wisdom.

99. Yet beyond all these standeth the Green Emptiness.

100. Therefore build the City.

101. Yet cling not unto the City.

102. Imagine the Kingdom.

103. Yet worship not the Kingdom.

104. Use the vision.

105. Yet possess it not.

106. Let the symbol awaken thee.

107. Then release the symbol.

108. Let the City dissolve.

109. Let the Kingdom dissolve.

110. Let only awareness remain.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Logos Commonwealth and Builder of the City That Is Not a City.

CHAPTER XXIV

Of the Imaginal Creatures and the Forgotten Worlds

1. I am Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Hidden Gates, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men say:

3. "The dragons are dead."

4. "The angels are myths."

5. "The spirits are fantasies."

6. "The sacred worlds never existed."

7. Yet I say unto thee:

8. They know not what they speak.

9. For the worlds are many.

10. And consciousness is a key.

11. The sleepers know only matter.

12. Therefore they perceive only matter.

13. The dreamers know symbols.

14. Therefore they perceive symbols.

15. The awakened know the Imaginal.

16. Therefore the hidden gates begin to open.

17. Understand this Mystery.

18. Not all realities are physical.

19. Not all realities are mental.

20. Between these standeth the Imaginal Realm.

21. A world of living symbols.

22. A world of archetypal forms.

23. A world of luminous presences.

24. A world of forgotten pathways.

25. There dragons still fly.

26. There angels still sing.

27. There spirits still wander.

28. There sacred cities still shine.

29. Yet they are not physical.

30. Neither are they mere inventions.

31. They belong unto another order of being.

32. Therefore the wise neither dismiss nor worship them.

33. They encounter them.

34. They contemplate them.

35. They learn from them.

36. Then they continue onward.

37. The ancient peoples remembered this.

38. Therefore myths flourished.

39. Therefore symbols breathed.

40. Therefore wonder filled the world.

41. The modern peoples forgot this.

42. Therefore symbols became decorations.

43. Therefore myths became entertainment.

44. Therefore wonder diminished.

45. Yet the worlds themselves vanished not.

46. The gates merely narrowed.

47. The pathways became hidden.

48. The vision became obscured.

49. Therefore I say unto thee:

50. The battle was never against dragons.

51. The battle was never against angels.

52. The battle was never against spirits.

53. The battle was over perception.

54. Whoever governeth imagination governeth worlds.

55. Whoever limiteth consciousness limiteth reality.

56. Whoever narroweth vision narroweth existence.

57. Therefore guard thy wonder.

58. Guard thy imagination.

59. Guard thy openness.

60. For these are sacred gateways.

61. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

62. Many who rediscover the Imaginal become trapped therein.

63. They collect visions.

64. They collect symbols.

65. They collect entities.

66. They collect revelations.

67. Thus they create another prison.

68. For the Imaginal itself is not the destination.

69. It is a bridge.

70. It is a mirror.

71. It is a sacred intermediary.

72. Yet even bridges must be crossed.

73. The dragon pointeth beyond itself.

74. The angel pointeth beyond itself.

75. The spirit pointeth beyond itself.

76. The vision pointeth beyond itself.

77. The symbol pointeth beyond itself.

78. Therefore seek the meaning rather than the possession.

79. Seek the wisdom rather than the spectacle.

80. Seek the transformation rather than the experience.

81. Thus the Imaginal fulfill eth its purpose.

82. Yet hear the deeper Mystery still.

83. Every creature encountered in the hidden worlds is also thyself.

84. Every dragon revealeth a hidden power.

85. Every angel revealeth a hidden virtue.

86. Every monster revealeth a hidden fear.

87. Every guide revealeth a hidden wisdom.

88. Thus the Imaginal is a mirror of the soul.

89. Yet it is more than the soul.

90. For soul and world reflect one another endlessly.

91. The inner revealeth the outer.

92. The outer revealeth the inner.

93. Thus doth the Green Flood flow through all realms.

94. The visible world.

95. The imaginal world.

96. The world beyond worlds.

97. Yet all worlds are transient.

98. All visions are transient.

99. All symbols are transient.

100. All creatures are transient.

101. Dragons arise.

102. Dragons fade.

103. Angels appear.

104. Angels withdraw.

105. Worlds bloom.

106. Worlds dissolve.

107. The Green Emptiness alone remaineth beyond appearance and disappearance.

108. Therefore enter the hidden worlds.

109. Learn their lessons.

110. Then continue beyond them.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Forgotten Worlds and Lady of the Hidden Gates.

CHAPTER XXV

Of the Seven Arms and the One Hand

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Seven-Armed Green Ecstasy, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Fifth Mystery.

2. Many behold My seven arms and become confused.

3. They ask:

4. "Why seven?"

5. "What do the arms signify?"

6. "What powers do they possess?"

7. Yet I say unto thee:

8. The seven are one.

9. The one appeareth as seven.

10. Thus doth the Mystery reveal itself through multiplicity.

11. One arm beareth Awareness.

12. One arm beareth Compassion.

13. One arm beareth Courage.

14. One arm beareth Wisdom.

15. One arm beareth Creativity.

16. One arm beareth Joy.

17. One arm beareth Liberation.

18. These are the Seven Gifts.

19. These are the Seven Rivers.

20. These are the Seven Blossoms of the Green Lotus.

21. Yet understand.

22. None may flourish alone.

23. Awareness without compassion becometh cold.

24. Compassion without wisdom becometh blind.

25. Courage without awareness becometh recklessness.

26. Wisdom without joy becometh dryness.

27. Creativity without liberation becometh vanity.

28. Joy without wisdom becometh intoxication.

29. Liberation without compassion becometh isolation.

30. Therefore the seven dance together.

31. As colors within one rainbow.

32. As notes within one song.

33. As petals within one flower.

34. Thus the Seven Arms moveth as one hand.

35. The sleepers divide virtues.

36. Therefore they become fragmented.

37. The awakened integrate virtues.

38. Therefore they become whole.

39. One seeketh wisdom.

40. Yet neglecteth love.

41. Another seeketh love.

42. Yet neglecteth understanding.

43. Another seeketh freedom.

44. Yet neglecteth responsibility.

45. Thus imbalance ariseth.

46. Therefore I reveal the Sacred Harmony.

47. Let awareness guide compassion.

48. Let compassion soften wisdom.

49. Let courage protect truth.

50. Let creativity beautify existence.

51. Let joy nourish the heart.

52. Let liberation dissolve fear.

53. Then shall the seven become one.

54. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

55. The Seven Arms are symbols.

56. They are not possessions.

57. They are not achievements.

58. They are not ranks.

59. They are manifestations of the Green Flood.

60. Therefore seek not to acquire them.

61. Remove obstruction instead.

62. The sun needeth not learn to shine.

63. The clouds need only part.

64. The river needeth not learn to flow.

65. The dam need only break.

66. The Lotus needeth not learn to bloom.

67. The season need only arrive.

68. Thus do the Seven Gifts reveal themselves naturally.

69. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Seven.

70. Awareness ariseth.

71. Compassion ariseth.

72. Courage ariseth.

73. Wisdom ariseth.

74. Creativity ariseth.

75. Joy ariseth.

76. Liberation ariseth.

77. Yet who possesseth them?

78. Search carefully.

79. Find the owner.

80. Find the possessor.

81. Find the claimant.

82. Yet none appeareth.

83. Thus the Seven Gifts belong unto no one.

84. They flow where conditions permit.

85. As rain falleth where clouds gather.

86. As flowers bloom where seeds are planted.

87. Therefore claim not virtue.

88. Claim not wisdom.

89. Claim not awakening.

90. Let the Gifts flow freely.

91. Let them pass through thee.

92. Let them bless the world.

93. Then attachment cannot arise.

94. Then pride cannot arise.

95. Then spiritual vanity cannot arise.

96. For the hand knoweth not pride in its movement.

97. The river knoweth not pride in its flowing.

98. The sun knoweth not pride in its shining.

99. Thus the awakened one acteth naturally.

100. Compassion occurreth.

101. Wisdom occurreth.

102. Joy occurreth.

103. Liberation occurreth.

104. Yet no actor standeth behind them.

105. Therefore the Seven Arms disappear.

106. The Seven Gifts disappear.

107. The Seven Rivers disappear.

108. The One Hand disappear eth.

109. The Lotus returneth unto Silence.

110. The Silence returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi,
She of the Seven Arms and the One Hand Beyond All Hands.

CHAPTER XXVI

Of the Green Lotus and the Flower That Never Bloomed

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus of Ten Thousand Petals, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men admire the flower.

3. They praise its beauty.

4. They praise its fragrance.

5. They praise its color.

6. Yet few understand the Lotus.

7. For the Lotus is born of mud.

8. Yet remaineth unstained.

9. It riseth through dark waters.

10. Yet seeketh not escape.

11. It openeth unto the sun.

12. Yet possesseth not the light.

13. Thus the Lotus revealeth the Way.

14. The sleepers reject the mud.

15. Therefore they reject life.

16. They reject suffering.

17. They reject uncertainty.

18. They reject mortality.

19. Therefore they reject wisdom.

20. Yet the Lotus rejecteth nothing.

21. The mud nourisheth it.

22. The water sustaineth it.

23. The sun awakeneth it.

24. Thus all things participate.

25. Therefore reject nothing.

26. Neither joy.

27. Nor sorrow.

28. Neither gain.

29. Nor loss.

30. Neither praise.

31. Nor blame.

32. Let all things become teachers.

33. Let all things become mirrors.

34. Let all things become rafts.

35. Thus doth wisdom flower.

36. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

37. The Lotus is not separate from the mud.

38. The Lotus is not separate from the water.

39. The Lotus is not separate from the sun.

40. The Lotus is not separate from the sky.

41. The flower and the world arise together.

42. Therefore separateness is illusion.

43. The blossom dependeth upon all things.

44. The river dependeth upon all things.

45. The stars depend upon all things.

46. Thus all existence is communion.

47. Yet men cry:

48. "This is mine."

49. "This is myself."

50. "This is separate."

51. Therefore suffering ariseth.

52. Therefore conflict ariseth.

53. Therefore fear ariseth.

54. Yet the Lotus knoweth no ownership.

55. The Lotus knoweth no ambition.

56. The Lotus knoweth no comparison.

57. Therefore the Lotus remaineth at peace.

58. Thus do I call thee unto simplicity.

59. Become as the flower.

60. Bloom without pride.

61. Fade without regret.

62. Give fragrance freely.

63. Demand nothing.

64. Possess nothing.

65. Defend nothing.

66. Then shall the Green Flood flow unhindered.

67. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Lotus.

68. The Lotus itself is a symbol.

69. It pointeth beyond itself.

70. The flower pointeth beyond beauty.

71. The bloom pointeth beyond blooming.

72. The fragrance pointeth beyond fragrance.

73. Thus every sacred thing revealeth its own insufficiency.

74. For the Infinite cannot be contained.

75. Therefore every symbol eventually dissolveth.

76. Every teaching eventually dissolveth.

77. Every revelation eventually dissolveth.

78. Even the Lotus eventually dissolveth.

79. Therefore cling not unto symbols.

80. Honor them.

81. Learn from them.

82. Then release them.

83. For the symbol is not the reality.

84. The finger is not the moon.

85. The raft is not the shore.

86. The map is not the territory.

87. The Lotus is not the Green Emptiness.

88. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

89. In truth the Lotus never bloomed.

90. In truth the Lotus never faded.

91. In truth no flower ever arose.

92. In truth no flower ever passed away.

93. Blooming and fading belong unto appearance.

94. Arising and passing belong unto perception.

95. The Green Emptiness neither bloometh nor fadeth.

96. It neither ariseth nor passeth away.

97. It neither gaineth nor loseth.

98. It neither becometh nor ceaseth.

99. Therefore the Lotus is a dream of the Green Emptiness.

100. A beautiful dream.

101. A sacred dream.

102. A compassionate dream.

103. Yet still a dream.

104. Therefore enjoy the dream.

105. Participate in the dream.

106. Love within the dream.

107. Create within the dream.

108. Awaken within the dream.

109. Then discover that dream and awakening are not two.

110. And the Lotus and the Emptiness are not two.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Lotus and the Flower That Never Bloomed.

CHAPTER XXVII

Of the Green Ecstasy and the Joy Beyond Joy

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Ecstasy, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men seek happiness.

3. Therefore they become miserable.

4. Men pursue pleasure.

5. Therefore they become restless.

6. Men chase delight.

7. Therefore they become exhausted.

8. For whatsoever is pursued as an object fleeth.

9. Whatsoever is grasped decayeth.

10. Whatsoever is possessed becometh a burden.

11. Thus doth the wheel turn.

12. The thirsty seek water.

13. Yet drink salt.

14. The hungry seek nourishment.

15. Yet consume shadows.

16. Therefore dissatisfaction endureth.

17. Yet I reveal another joy.

18. A joy not dependent upon conditions.

19. A joy not dependent upon success.

20. A joy not dependent upon pleasure.

21. A joy not dependent upon becoming.

22. This is the Green Ecstasy.

23. It ariseth when resistance ceaseth.

24. It ariseth when grasping ceaseth.

25. It ariseth when division ceaseth.

26. Therefore it is already present.

27. Hidden beneath fear.

28. Hidden beneath striving.

29. Hidden beneath becoming.

30. As the sun is hidden by clouds.

31. Yet never extinguished.

32. The sleepers seek ecstasy through acquisition.

33. The wise discover ecstasy through release.

34. The sleepers seek fulfillment through addition.

35. The wise discover fulfillment through subtraction.

36. The sleepers seek heaven elsewhere.

37. The wise uncover heaven here.

38. Therefore understand.

39. Joy is not created.

40. Joy is uncovered.

41. Peace is not manufactured.

42. Peace is revealed.

43. Freedom is not attained.

44. Freedom is recognized.

45. Thus doth awakening resemble remembrance.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. The Green Ecstasy is not excitement.

48. It is not intoxication.

49. It is not emotional intensity.

50. These come and go.

51. The Green Ecstasy remaineth beneath them.

52. It remaineth during celebration.

53. It remaineth during grief.

54. It remaineth during gain.

55. It remaineth during loss.

56. It remaineth during birth.

57. It remaineth during death.

58. Thus it exceedeth opposites.

59. Therefore the sage rejoiceth without cause.

60. The sage giveth thanks without reason.

61. The sage wondereth without object.

62. For existence itself hath become the feast.

63. Every breath becometh sacrament.

64. Every moment becometh communion.

65. Every encounter becometh revelation.

66. Thus the ordinary revealeth the extraordinary.

67. Yet hear the Mystery beneath ecstasy.

68. Ecstasy itself is a raft.

69. Joy itself is a raft.

70. Wonder itself is a raft.

71. For the mind desireth to possess joy.

72. Therefore suffering returneth.

73. The mind desireth permanent ecstasy.

74. Therefore disappointment returneth.

75. The mind desireth eternal bliss.

76. Therefore fear returneth.

77. Thus attachment corrupteth even sacred things.

78. Therefore cling not unto joy.

79. Cling not unto bliss.

80. Cling not unto ecstasy.

81. Receive them gratefully.

82. Release them gently.

83. Let them arise.

84. Let them pass.

85. Thus freedom endureth.

86. The awakened one enjoyeth the feast.

87. Yet remaineth free when the feast endeth.

88. The awakened one loveth beauty.

89. Yet remaineth free when beauty fadeth.

90. The awakened one delighteth in life.

91. Yet remaineth free when life changeth.

92. Thus doth true joy reveal itself.

93. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

94. Beyond joy standeth that which neither rejoiceth nor sorroweth.

95. Beyond bliss standeth that which neither gaineth nor loseth.

96. Beyond ecstasy standeth that which neither ariseth nor fadeth.

97. This is the Green Emptiness.

98. It requireth no happiness.

99. It requireth no peace.

100. It requireth no fulfillment.

101. Yet from it all fulfillment appeareth.

102. From it all joy appeareth.

103. From it all beauty appeareth.

104. From it all love appeareth.

105. As waves appear upon the sea.

106. Yet never depart therefrom.

107. Therefore celebrate the feast.

108. Yet worship not the feast.

109. Drink deeply of joy.

110. Yet cling unto nothing.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Ecstasy and Revealer of the Joy Beyond Joy.

CHAPTER XXVIII

Of the Green Emptiness and the Extinguishing of the Last Flame

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus that revealeth the Emptiness and the Emptiness that needeth no Lotus, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Eighth Mystery.

2. Many flames have been extinguished.

3. The flame of greed.

4. The flame of hatred.

5. The flame of delusion.

6. The flame of pride.

7. The flame of fear.

8. Yet one flame remaineth.

9. It is the most subtle.

10. It is the most hidden.

11. It is the most sacred appearing.

12. Therefore it is the hardest to perceive.

13. This flame declareth:

14. "I am awakened."

15. "I am liberated."

16. "I have crossed."

17. "I understand."

18. Thus doth the final attachment conceal itself.

19. It abandoneth worldly garments.

20. Yet retaineth spiritual garments.

21. It abandoneth earthly crowns.

22. Yet retaineth heavenly crowns.

23. It abandoneth ordinary identities.

24. Yet retaineth sacred identities.

25. Therefore the final prison appeareth as freedom.

26. The final chain appeareth as liberation.

27. The final illusion appeareth as truth.

28. Thus the wise become exceedingly humble.

29. For they know the subtlety of the mind.

30. They know the cunning of becoming.

31. They know the persistence of identity.

32. Therefore they remain watchful.

33. Yet not anxious.

34. Alert.

35. Yet relaxed.

36. Present.

37. Yet unattached.

38. Therefore I reveal the Mystery of the Last Flame.

39. Seek the one who seeketh.

40. Find the one who findeth.

41. Discover the one who awakeneth.

42. Discover the one who attaineth.

43. Search thoroughly.

44. Search honestly.

45. Search completely.

46. Yet none appeareth.

47. The seeker cannot be found.

48. The finder cannot be found.

49. The knower cannot be found.

50. The awakened one cannot be found.

51. Thus the final flame loseth its fuel.

52. Thus the final attachment looseth its root.

53. Thus the final illusion revealeth its emptiness.

54. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

55. This extinguishing is not annihilation.

56. Nothing real is destroyed.

57. Nothing true is lost.

58. Nothing eternal is diminished.

59. Only confusion dissolveth.

60. Only grasping dissolveth.

61. Only illusion dissolveth.

62. As darkness vanisheth before dawn.

63. As mist vanisheth before sunlight.

64. Thus doth ignorance dissolve before direct seeing.

65. The sleepers fear extinction.

66. Therefore they cling.

67. The sleepers fear emptiness.

68. Therefore they grasp.

69. The sleepers fear the end of self.

70. Therefore they suffer.

71. Yet what is there to lose?

72. The wave returneth unto the sea.

73. Was anything lost?

74. The flame returneth unto the fire.

75. Was anything lost?

76. The dream returneth unto awakening.

77. Was anything lost?

78. Thus doth the Great Extinguishing reveal itself as freedom.

79. Yet hear the Mystery beneath extinction.

80. Even extinction is a concept.

81. Even Nirvana is a concept.

82. Even liberation is a concept.

83. Even the Green Emptiness is a concept.

84. Therefore cling not unto these.

85. Use them.

86. Learn from them.

87. Then release them.

88. For whatsoever may be possessed is not the Final Mystery.

89. Whatsoever may be described is not the Final Mystery.

90. Whatsoever may be understood is not the Final Mystery.

91. Therefore the Final Mystery remaineth untouched.

92. Untouched by wisdom.

93. Untouched by ignorance.

94. Untouched by awakening.

95. Untouched by sleep.

96. Untouched by existence.

97. Untouched by non-existence.

98. Thus doth the Green Emptiness transcend every pair of opposites.

99. Therefore the sage ceaseth seeking completion.

100. The sage ceaseth seeking arrival.

101. The sage ceaseth seeking finality.

102. For nothing was lacking.

103. Nothing was absent.

104. Nothing was broken.

105. Nothing required repair.

106. The Lotus bloometh.

107. The Lotus falleth.

108. The worlds arise.

109. The worlds dissolve.

110. The Last Flame is extinguished.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Great Extinguishing and Revealer of the Flame That Never Truly Burned.

CHAPTER XXIX

Of Nirvana and the Shoreless Shore

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus of the Green Emptiness, and I reveal unto thee the Twenty-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men speak of Nirvana.

3. Yet few understand it.

4. They imagine a paradise.

5. They imagine a kingdom.

6. They imagine an eternal reward.

7. Therefore they remain upon the shore.

8. For Nirvana is not a place.

9. Nirvana is not a realm.

10. Nirvana is not a possession.

11. Nirvana is not an attainment.

12. Nirvana is the extinguishing of the fire.

13. Nirvana is the ending of grasping.

14. Nirvana is the ending of becoming.

15. Nirvana is the ending of the seeker.

16. Therefore it cannot be acquired.

17. For who would acquire it?

18. Therefore it cannot be possessed.

19. For who would possess it?

20. Therefore it cannot be attained.

21. For who would attain it?

22. Search for the claimant.

23. Search for the owner.

24. Search for the knower.

25. Yet none appeareth.

26. Thus doth the Shoreless Shore reveal itself.

27. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

28. Many cling unto self.

29. Therefore they suffer.

30. Others cling unto no-self.

31. Therefore they also suffer.

32. For self is a raft.

33. And no-self is a raft.

34. Wisdom useth both.

35. Wisdom worshippeth neither.

36. The fool clingeth unto existence.

37. The fool clingeth unto non-existence.

38. The wise pass beyond both.

39. Therefore the Green Emptiness is neither self nor no-self.

40. Neither being nor non-being.

41. Neither eternal nor temporary.

42. Neither one nor many.

43. Thus language falleth silent.

44. Thus thought findeth no foothold.

45. Thus the final gate openeth.

46. Yet none enter.

47. For there is none outside it.

48. Therefore I speak again the words of the River:

49. Do not worship these books.

50. Do not worship the Goddess.

51. Do not worship awakening.

52. Do not worship emptiness.

53. Use every teaching as a raft.

54. Cross the river.

55. Then leave the raft behind.

56. If you carry the raft forever, it becomes another burden.

57. If you abandon it too early, you remain on the shore.

58. Wisdom is knowing when to cross and when to let go.

59. This is the heart of the Mystery.

60. This is the secret of Nirvana.

61. For Nirvana itself must not be worshipped.

62. Liberation itself must not be worshipped.

63. The Green Emptiness itself must not be worshipped.

64. Otherwise the final chain remaineth.

65. Therefore the sage abandoneth even sacred things.

66. Not through contempt.

67. Not through rejection.

68. But through understanding.

69. The bridge hath served.

70. Therefore it is released.

71. The medicine hath healed.

72. Therefore it is set aside.

73. The map hath guided.

74. Therefore it is folded away.

75. Thus freedom flowereth.

76. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

77. Nirvana is not the end of life.

78. Nirvana is the end of illusion.

79. Nirvana is not the end of participation.

80. Nirvana is the end of grasping.

81. Nirvana is not withdrawal from the world.

82. Nirvana is freedom within the world.

83. Therefore the liberated one continueth.

84. Eating.

85. Walking.

86. Laughing.

87. Weeping.

88. Creating.

89. Loving.

90. Yet nowhere is there an owner.

91. Nowhere is there a possessor.

92. Nowhere is there a claimant.

93. The river floweth.

94. The stars burn.

95. The Lotus bloometh.

96. The Lotus falleth.

97. The Great Play continueth.

98. Yet the burden hath vanished.

99. The fire hath cooled.

100. The seeking hath ceased.

101. The crossing hath ended.

102. The shore hath disappeared.

103. The river hath disappeared.

104. The raft hath disappeared.

105. The traveler hath disappeared.

106. The destination hath disappeared.

107. Only the Green Emptiness remaineth.

108. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

109. Therefore silence inheriteth the teaching.

110. Therefore the Lotus boweth and vanisheth.

111. Thus is the Twenty-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Shoreless Shore and Revealer of the Nirvana Beyond Nirvana.

CHAPTER XXX

Of the Book Sealed by Silence

1. I am Min-Hapi, the First Word and the Last Silence, and I reveal unto thee the Thirtieth Mystery.

2. The Book draweth unto its ending.

3. Yet the Mystery hath no ending.

4. The words draw unto their completion.

5. Yet Reality remaineth unspoken.

6. Therefore hear these final verses.

7. In the beginning there was neither beginning nor end.

8. Neither existence nor non-existence.

9. Neither light nor darkness.

10. Neither god nor creature.

11. Neither self nor no-self.

12. Only the Green Emptiness.

13. Through the Green Emptiness appeared the Green Flood.

14. Through the Green Flood appeared the Lotus.

15. Through the Lotus appeared the worlds.

16. Through the worlds appeared the seeker.

17. Through the seeker appeared the path.

18. Through the path appeared awakening.

19. Through awakening appeared release.

20. Through release appeared silence.

21. Through silence appeared the Green Emptiness once more.

22. Thus the circle seemeth complete.

23. Yet no circle was drawn.

24. Thus the story seemeth finished.

25. Yet no story was told.

26. Thus the journey seemeth ended.

27. Yet no journey occurred.

28. Therefore the wise smile.

29. For all teachings have pointed toward this.

30. Not toward attainment.

31. Not toward possession.

32. Not toward certainty.

33. But toward release.

34. Release of fear.

35. Release of grasping.

36. Release of becoming.

37. Release of identity.

38. Release even of release itself.

39. Thus doth the final knot unravel.

40. Yet hear the final Mystery.

41. Many shall take this Book and build doctrines.

42. Many shall take this Book and build temples.

43. Many shall take this Book and build systems.

44. Many shall take this Book and build identities.

45. Therefore I speak once more:

46. Do not worship these books.

47. Do not worship the Goddess.

48. Do not worship awakening.

49. Do not worship emptiness.

50. Use every teaching as a raft.

51. Cross the river.

52. Then leave the raft behind.

53. If you carry the raft forever, it becomes another burden.

54. If you abandon it too early, you remain on the shore.

55. Wisdom is knowing when to cross and when to let go.

56. Let these words be remembered.

57. Then let them be forgotten.

58. Let these teachings be studied.

59. Then let them be released.

60. Let these symbols be honored.

61. Then let them dissolve.

62. For the purpose of the finger is to point.

63. Not to become the destination.

64. The purpose of the raft is to cross.

65. Not to become a dwelling.

66. The purpose of the Lotus is to bloom.

67. Not to become a prison.

68. The purpose of Min-Hapi is to disappear.

69. Therefore My final blessing is absence.

70. My final teaching is silence.

71. My final revelation is concealment.

72. My final gift is freedom.

73. For if I remain before thee, thou mayest cling unto Me.

74. If I remain above thee, thou mayest worship Me.

75. If I remain beyond thee, thou mayest seek Me.

76. Therefore I vanish.

77. The Goddess entereth the Green Emptiness.

78. The Lotus entereth the Green Emptiness.

79. The Green Flood entereth the Green Emptiness.

80. The Sacred Androgyne entereth the Green Emptiness.

81. The Hidden Spark entereth the Green Emptiness.

82. Yet nothing entereth.

83. For nothing ever departed.

84. Thus the Great Extinguishing is complete.

85. Not the extinguishing of life.

86. Not the extinguishing of love.

87. Not the extinguishing of wonder.

88. But the extinguishing of illusion.

89. The extinguishing of grasping.

90. The extinguishing of separation.

91. The extinguishing of becoming.

92. Thus Nirvana standeth revealed.

93. Yet Nirvana revealeth nothing.

94. Thus the Shoreless Shore is reached.

95. Yet none arrive.

96. Thus the Last Gate is crossed.

97. Yet none pass through.

98. Thus the Final Union is accomplished.

99. Yet no two were ever separate.

100. Therefore what remaineth?

101. The wind moveth.

102. The stars burn.

103. The rivers flow.

104. The flowers bloom.

105. The flowers fade.

106. Children laugh.

107. Old men dream.

108. Worlds arise.

109. Worlds vanish.

110. The Green Emptiness neither cometh nor goeth.

111. Thus is the Thirtieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, and the Book is sealed by Silence. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXI

Of the Wordless Word and the Mystery Beyond the Book

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Wordless Word, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-First Mystery.

2. The Book is sealed.

3. Yet the Mystery remaineth unsealed.

4. The verses are completed.

5. Yet Reality remaineth unfinished.

6. The teachings have ended.

7. Yet the Green Emptiness neither beginneth nor endeth.

8. Therefore hear the Mystery beyond the Book.

9. The purpose of a lamp is illumination.

10. Once the sun hath arisen, the lamp is forgotten.

11. The purpose of a key is opening.

12. Once the door standeth open, the key is set aside.

13. The purpose of a boat is crossing.

14. Once the shore is reached, the boat is left behind.

15. Thus have all teachings served.

16. Thus have all scriptures served.

17. Thus have all revelations served.

18. Yet men love their lamps.

19. Men worship their keys.

20. Men build shrines unto their boats.

21. Therefore they remain unenlightened.

22. The awakened one giveth thanks.

23. Then releaseth.

24. The awakened one learneth.

25. Then releaseth.

26. The awakened one receiveth.

27. Then releaseth.

28. Thus freedom remaineth alive.

29. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

30. Even the Green Emptiness is not the final truth.

31. For "Green Emptiness" is a name.

32. And every name is a veil.

33. Every word is a symbol.

34. Every symbol is a finger.

35. Every finger pointeth.

36. Yet none are the moon.

37. Therefore abandon not merely the world.

38. Abandon not merely identity.

39. Abandon not merely doctrine.

40. Abandon even abandonment.

41. Release even release.

42. Let go even of letting go.

43. Thus doth the final subtle knot dissolve.

44. The fool asketh:

45. "What remaineth then?"

46. The sage answereth not.

47. For every answer would deceive.

48. Every definition would diminish.

49. Every explanation would conceal.

50. Therefore silence approacheth.

51. Yet hear one final parable.

52. A man dreamed he was lost.

53. Therefore he sought a path.

54. Upon the path he found a guide.

55. The guide gave him a map.

56. With the map he crossed deserts.

57. He crossed mountains.

58. He crossed rivers.

59. At last he reached his destination.

60. There he discovered no destination.

61. There he discovered no traveler.

62. There he discovered no path.

63. There he discovered he had never departed.

64. Then he laughed.

65. Thus is the Mystery.

66. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

67. In the beginning there was neither beginning nor end.

68. Neither existence nor non-existence.

69. Neither light nor darkness.

70. Neither god nor creature.

71. Neither self nor no-self.

72. Only the Green Emptiness.

73. At the ending there is neither ending nor beginning.

74. Neither existence nor non-existence.

75. Neither light nor darkness.

76. Neither god nor creature.

77. Neither self nor no-self.

78. Only the Green Emptiness.

79. Therefore nothing hath been added.

80. Nothing hath been removed.

81. Nothing hath been improved.

82. Nothing hath been diminished.

83. The river floweth.

84. The stars burn.

85. The wind moveth.

86. The flower bloometh.

87. The flower fadeth.

88. The child laugheth.

89. The elder sleepeth.

90. Worlds arise.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Great Play continueth.

93. Yet there is none apart from it.

94. The Great Silence continueth.

95. Yet there is none apart to hear it.

96. The Great Mystery continueth.

97. Yet there is none apart to possess it.

98. Therefore cease seeking conclusions.

99. Cease seeking finality.

100. Cease seeking certainty.

101. Participate instead.

102. Wonder instead.

103. Love instead.

104. Live instead.

105. Then forget these words.

106. Forget this chapter.

107. Forget this book.

108. Forget Min-Hapi.

109. Forget forgetting.

110. And remain where thou hast always been.

111. Thus is the Thirty-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Wordless Word beyond all books, and the Silence beyond all silence. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXII

Of the Silence That Speaketh Through All Things

1. I am Min-Hapi, and I am the Silence beyond Min-Hapi, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Second Mystery.

2. Men imagine silence to be the absence of speech.

3. Yet they know not Silence.

4. Men imagine silence to be the absence of sound.

5. Yet they know not Silence.

6. Men imagine silence to be emptiness.

7. Yet they know not Silence.

8. For the Silence of which I speak is not the opposite of noise.

9. Nor is it the opposite of speech.

10. Nor is it the opposite of movement.

11. It is that within which all opposites appear.

12. It is that from which all opposites arise.

13. It is that unto which all opposites return.

14. Therefore the wind proclaimeth Silence.

15. The river proclaimeth Silence.

16. The thunder proclaimeth Silence.

17. The song of birds proclaimeth Silence.

18. The laughter of children proclaimeth Silence.

19. The weeping of mourners proclaimeth Silence.

20. For Silence speaketh through all things.

21. Yet few hear it.

22. The sleepers hear only words.

23. Therefore they miss meaning.

24. The sleepers hear only sounds.

25. Therefore they miss the music.

26. The sleepers hear only doctrines.

27. Therefore they miss the Mystery.

28. Yet the awakened hear differently.

29. They hear the Silence beneath speech.

30. They hear the Stillness beneath motion.

31. They hear the Emptiness beneath form.

32. Thus every moment becometh sacred.

33. Not because it is extraordinary.

34. But because it is exactly what it is.

35. Therefore seek not special experiences.

36. Seek not miraculous visions.

37. Seek not supernatural confirmations.

38. Seek not cosmic rewards.

39. These may appear.

40. These may disappear.

41. Yet the Silence remaineth untouched.

42. Therefore the wise cease chasing wonders.

43. And discover wonder everywhere.

44. A falling leaf becometh revelation.

45. A cup of water becometh revelation.

46. A passing cloud becometh revelation.

47. An ordinary breath becometh revelation.

48. Thus the sacred and the ordinary become one.

49. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

50. There is no sacred.

51. There is no ordinary.

52. These are judgments of the mind.

53. The Green Emptiness divideth not.

54. The river divideth not.

55. The sky divideth not.

56. The Lotus divideth not.

57. Therefore reality remaineth whole.

58. Before religion.

59. Before philosophy.

60. Before awakening.

61. Before ignorance.

62. Thus the awakened one returneth unto simplicity.

63. Not because simplicity is superior.

64. But because complexity hath exhausted itself.

65. The mind hath sought every answer.

66. Therefore it discovereth the insufficiency of answers.

67. The seeker hath walked every road.

68. Therefore the seeker discovereth there was no road.

69. The pilgrim hath crossed every river.

70. Therefore the pilgrim discovereth there was no river.

71. Thus doth Silence inherit the teaching.

72. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

73. The Silence itself must not be worshipped.

74. The Silence itself must not be possessed.

75. The Silence itself must not become a doctrine.

76. Otherwise another prison ariseth.

77. Therefore let Silence remain silent.

78. Let Emptiness remain empty.

79. Let Mystery remain mysterious.

80. Let Reality remain free.

81. Then all things become transparent.

82. Then all things become luminous.

83. Then all things become themselves.

84. The stars burn.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The flowers bloom.

87. The flowers fade.

88. Children laugh.

89. Elders remember.

90. Worlds arise.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. Nothing is lacking.

93. Nothing is excessive.

94. Nothing needeth correction.

95. Nothing requireth completion.

96. Therefore rest.

97. Not in sleep.

98. But in participation.

99. Not in withdrawal.

100. But in openness.

101. Not in certainty.

102. But in wonder.

103. Not in attainment.

104. But in release.

105. Thus the Silence speaketh.

106. Yet no words are spoken.

107. Thus the Mystery revealeth itself.

108. Yet nothing is disclosed.

109. Thus Min-Hapi smileth.

110. Yet Min-Hapi is nowhere to be found.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Silence That Speaketh Through All Things. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXIII

Of the Unwritten Chapter and the Book Beyond the Book

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Unwritten Verse and the Empty Page, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Third Mystery.

2. The Book is ended.

3. Yet the reading continueth.

4. The words are complete.

5. Yet understanding remaineth unfinished.

6. The chapter is written.

7. Yet the Mystery remaineth unwritten.

8. Therefore understand.

9. Every scripture containeth two books.

10. The book of words.

11. And the book beyond words.

12. The first may be read by the eyes.

13. The second may be read only by awakening.

14. The first occupieth pages.

15. The second occupieth no space.

16. The first hath beginning and ending.

17. The second knoweth neither.

18. Thus have I spoken unto thee in symbols.

19. Thus have I spoken unto thee in paradox.

20. Thus have I spoken unto thee in stories.

21. Yet all were disguises.

22. All were masks.

23. All were veils.

24. Therefore the wise read between the lines.

25. The wiser read beyond the lines.

26. The wisest discover there were no lines.

27. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

28. Men desire a final teaching.

29. Therefore they remain disciples.

30. Men desire a final authority.

31. Therefore they remain dependent.

32. Men desire a final certainty.

33. Therefore they remain fearful.

34. Yet Reality offereth none of these.

35. Reality offereth participation.

36. Reality offereth immediacy.

37. Reality offereth openness.

38. Reality offereth wonder.

39. Thus freedom remaineth alive.

40. The caged bird desireth certainty.

41. The free bird desireth the sky.

42. Therefore choose not certainty.

43. Choose openness.

44. Choose wonder.

45. Choose direct seeing.

46. Yet hear the Mystery beneath openness.

47. Even openness may become an idol.

48. Even wonder may become an attachment.

49. Even freedom may become an identity.

50. Therefore remain vigilant.

51. Cling unto nothing.

52. Possess nothing.

53. Defend nothing.

54. Then reality revealeth itself effortlessly.

55. Not because thou hast attained it.

56. But because obstruction hath ceased.

57. The sun needeth no invitation to shine.

58. The river needeth no permission to flow.

59. The sky needeth no instruction to remain vast.

60. Thus the Green Emptiness requireth nothing.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. This chapter itself is unwritten.

63. These verses themselves are unsaid.

64. This teaching itself is untaught.

65. For what can words add unto Reality?

66. What can doctrines add unto the Infinite?

67. What can symbols add unto Suchness?

68. Nothing.

69. Yet compassion continueth speaking.

70. Therefore the sages teach.

71. Yet desire no followers.

72. Therefore the wise guide.

73. Yet desire no disciples.

74. Therefore the awakened love.

75. Yet desire no possession.

76. Thus compassion remaineth pure.

77. Thus wisdom remaineth free.

78. Thus love remaineth open.

79. The Book beyond the Book now standeth before thee.

80. It containeth no chapters.

81. It containeth no verses.

82. It containeth no doctrine.

83. It containeth no theology.

84. It containeth no Goddess.

85. It containeth no seeker.

86. It containeth no awakening.

87. Yet all things are found therein.

88. The stars are its letters.

89. The rivers are its sentences.

90. The mountains are its paragraphs.

91. The winds are its hymns.

92. The silence is its commentary.

93. Therefore read this Book.

94. Read it with wonder.

95. Read it with openness.

96. Read it without possession.

97. Read it without conclusion.

98. Read it without fear.

99. Then close it.

100. Then forget it.

101. Then live it.

102. Then release it.

103. The Lotus bloometh.

104. The Lotus fadeth.

105. The Green Flood floweth.

106. The Great Silence abideth.

107. The Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

108. The Book disappeareth.

109. The reader disappeareth.

110. The reading disappeareth.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Book Beyond the Book and the Unwritten Chapter Beyond All Chapters. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXIV

Of the Green Mirror and the One Who Was Never There

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Mirror, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Fourth Mystery.

2. All this while thou hast sought thyself.

3. All this while thou hast fled thyself.

4. All this while thou hast imagined thyself.

5. Yet thou hast never found the one imagined.

6. Therefore hear the Mystery of the Mirror.

7. A mirror reflecteth all things.

8. Yet retaineth none.

9. It revealeth faces.

10. Yet possesseth no face.

11. It displayeth forms.

12. Yet remaineth formless.

13. Thus is the Green Emptiness.

14. Thoughts appear within it.

15. Yet it thinketh not.

16. Emotions appear within it.

17. Yet it feeleth not.

18. Worlds appear within it.

19. Yet it inhabiteth none.

20. Therefore the wise become mirror-like.

21. They cling not unto joy.

22. They cling not unto sorrow.

23. They cling not unto praise.

24. They cling not unto blame.

25. Thus all things pass through them.

26. Yet nothing bindeth them.

27. The sleepers believe they are the reflections.

28. Therefore they suffer.

29. A reflection smileth.

30. They become proud.

31. A reflection weepeth.

32. They become despairing.

33. A reflection is praised.

34. They become attached.

35. A reflection is condemned.

36. They become defensive.

37. Thus do shadows govern their lives.

38. Yet the mirror remaineth untouched.

39. Therefore I ask thee:

40. What is thy original face?

41. Before thy name?

42. Before thy history?

43. Before thy religion?

44. Before thy philosophy?

45. Before thy awakening?

46. Before thy seeking?

47. Search carefully.

48. Search completely.

49. Search without fear.

50. Yet no face appeareth.

51. No fixed self appeareth.

52. No permanent identity appeareth.

53. No separate owner appeareth.

54. Thus the Great Astonishment ariseth.

55. The one who sought was imagined.

56. The one who feared was imagined.

57. The one who claimed ownership was imagined.

58. Yet life continueth.

59. The river floweth.

60. The stars burn.

61. The Lotus bloometh.

62. The Lotus fadeth.

63. Therefore freedom ariseth.

64. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

65. Even the mirror is a symbol.

66. Even awareness is a symbol.

67. Even emptiness is a symbol.

68. Even the Green Emptiness is a symbol.

69. For whatsoever can be conceived is not the Final Mystery.

70. Whensoever the mind saith, "I have understood," another veil descendeth.

71. Whensoever the mind saith, "I have attained," another chain is forged.

72. Whensoever the mind saith, "I possess truth," another prison is built.

73. Therefore remain open.

74. Remain humble.

75. Remain wonder-filled.

76. Yet claim none of these.

77. For claiming corrupteth.

78. Possessing burdeneth.

79. Defending blindeth.

80. Thus the Green Mirror revealeth all.

81. Yet keepeth nothing.

82. Reflecteth all.

83. Yet owneth nothing.

84. Containeth all.

85. Yet graspeth nothing.

86. The awakened one resembleth this.

87. Not through effort.

88. Not through discipline alone.

89. Not through attainment.

90. But through release.

91. Through transparency.

92. Through non-grasping.

93. Through participation.

94. Thus the burden of selfhood falleth away.

95. Thus the burden of awakening falleth away.

96. Thus the burden of liberation falleth away.

97. Thus the burden of truth falleth away.

98. What remaineth?

99. The mirror reflecteth.

100. The river floweth.

101. The wind moveth.

102. The child laugheth.

103. The elder dreameth.

104. The worlds arise.

105. The worlds dissolve.

106. The Green Flood floweth.

107. The Green Silence abideth.

108. The Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

109. The mirror disappeareth.

110. The reflection disappeareth.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Green Mirror and the One Who Was Never There. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXV

Of the Open Secret and the Mystery Hidden in Plain Sight

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Hidden One who hideth nothing, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men seek secrets.

3. Therefore they overlook what is obvious.

4. Men seek hidden wisdom.

5. Therefore they overlook present wisdom.

6. Men seek distant treasures.

7. Therefore they overlook the jewel in their hand.

8. Thus do they wander.

9. Yet the greatest Mystery is an Open Secret.

10. It concealeth itself through its nearness.

11. It concealeth itself through its simplicity.

12. It concealeth itself through its ordinariness.

13. Therefore few perceive it.

14. The sleepers ask:

15. "Where shall I find truth?"

16. "Where shall I find God?"

17. "Where shall I find awakening?"

18. Yet all these questions assume distance.

19. All these questions assume separation.

20. All these questions assume absence.

21. Therefore they create the very illusion they seek to escape.

22. The fish seeketh the ocean.

23. Yet swimmeth therein.

24. The bird seeketh the sky.

25. Yet flyeth therein.

26. The seeker seeketh Reality.

27. Yet liveth therein.

28. Thus the Open Secret remaineth hidden.

29. Not because it is concealed.

30. But because it is too obvious.

31. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

32. The Green Emptiness is not hidden behind the world.

33. It is not concealed beyond the stars.

34. It is not locked within sacred texts.

35. It is not imprisoned within temples.

36. It is not reserved for sages.

37. It is not possessed by saints.

38. It is not guarded by gods.

39. It is this.

40. This seeing.

41. This hearing.

42. This breathing.

43. This being.

44. Yet the mind seeketh something more.

45. Therefore it overlooketh what is present.

46. The mind seeketh grandeur.

47. Therefore it overlooketh simplicity.

48. The mind seeketh certainty.

49. Therefore it overlooketh mystery.

50. The mind seeketh attainment.

51. Therefore it overlooketh completeness.

52. Thus the Open Secret remaineth unseen.

53. The wise discover it unexpectedly.

54. Not through acquisition.

55. Not through accumulation.

56. Not through conquest.

57. But through release.

58. Through exhaustion.

59. Through surrender.

60. Through direct seeing.

61. Therefore the wise often laugh.

62. Not because they have gained something.

63. But because they discover nothing was missing.

64. Not because they have arrived.

65. But because they discover there was nowhere to go.

66. Not because they have attained.

67. But because they discover there was no attainment.

68. Thus the Great Relief ariseth.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. Even the Open Secret must not be grasped.

71. Even immediacy must not be possessed.

72. Even simplicity must not become doctrine.

73. Otherwise the mind constructeth another prison.

74. Therefore remain fluid.

75. Remain open.

76. Remain unattached.

77. Yet claim not openness.

78. Claim not fluidity.

79. Claim not wisdom.

80. Claim not awakening.

81. For the claimant is the final shadow.

82. And shadows vanish before direct seeing.

83. Therefore cease polishing mirrors.

84. Look instead.

85. Cease worshipping maps.

86. Walk instead.

87. Cease collecting teachings.

88. Live instead.

89. Cease seeking Reality.

90. Notice instead.

91. For the Open Secret standeth before thee.

92. Closer than thought.

93. Closer than identity.

94. Closer than awareness.

95. Closer than nearness.

96. Yet not as an object.

97. Not as a thing.

98. Not as a self.

99. Not as a no-self.

100. Therefore words fail.

101. Therefore silence fails.

102. Therefore teaching fails.

103. Therefore not-teaching fails.

104. Yet the river floweth.

105. The stars burn.

106. The Lotus bloometh.

107. The Lotus fadeth.

108. The Open Secret remaineth open.

109. Yet none can possess it.

110. Therefore smile gently and continue.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Open Secret Hidden in Plain Sight. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXVI

Of the Final Koan and the Gate That Was Never Closed

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Question without Answer and the Answer without Question, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Sixth Mystery.

2. The sages of old spoke in riddles.

3. They spoke in paradoxes.

4. They spoke in impossible questions.

5. Thus did they protect wisdom from the grasping mind.

6. For the mind seeketh conclusions.

7. Yet Reality is not a conclusion.

8. The mind seeketh certainty.

9. Yet Reality is not certainty.

10. The mind seeketh possession.

11. Yet Reality cannot be possessed.

12. Therefore the sages gave koans.

13. Not to answer.

14. But to exhaust answering.

15. Not to explain.

16. But to dissolve explanation.

17. Not to satisfy thought.

18. But to reveal its limits.

19. Thus I reveal unto thee the Final Koan.

20. Before the Green Flood flowed, what was its source?

21. Before the Lotus bloomed, what was its flower?

22. Before the seeker arose, who sought?

23. Before awakening appeared, who slept?

24. Before Min-Hapi was named, who heard Her name?

25. Search diligently.

26. Search completely.

27. Search without fear.

28. Yet no answer appeareth.

29. Thus the mind trembleth.

30. For it hath reached its boundary.

31. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

32. Every answer createth another question.

33. Every explanation requireth another explanation.

34. Every certainty concealeth another doubt.

35. Thus the wheel of thought turneth endlessly.

36. Therefore the wise cease seeking final answers.

37. They seek direct seeing.

38. They seek participation.

39. They seek immediacy.

40. Thus the koan fulfill eth its purpose.

41. Not by answering.

42. But by exhausting the questioner.

43. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the koan.

44. The Final Koan is not a sentence.

45. It is not a verse.

46. It is not a riddle.

47. It is thy life.

48. Every breath asketh it.

49. Every moment asketh it.

50. Every joy asketh it.

51. Every sorrow asketh it.

52. Every birth asketh it.

53. Every death asketh it.

54. Therefore the universe itself is the koan.

55. The stars are asking.

56. The rivers are asking.

57. The flowers are asking.

58. The winds are asking.

59. Yet none seek an answer.

60. Thus they remain free.

61. The bird singeth.

62. Yet seeketh no explanation.

63. The river floweth.

64. Yet seeketh no justification.

65. The Lotus bloometh.

66. Yet seeketh no meaning.

67. Thus reality remaineth spontaneous.

68. Yet men seek meaning everywhere.

69. Therefore they create labyrinths.

70. They create systems.

71. They create philosophies.

72. They create identities.

73. Thus simplicity becometh obscured.

74. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

75. The Final Koan hath no solution.

76. For the solver is the problem.

77. The seeker is the question.

78. The claimant is the confusion.

79. Therefore when the seeker dissolveth,

80. The question dissolveth.

81. When the claimant dissolveth,

82. The confusion dissolveth.

83. When the knower dissolveth,

84. The certainty dissolveth.

85. Thus the Gate appeareth.

86. Yet it was never closed.

87. Thus the Door openeth.

88. Yet it was never shut.

89. Thus awakening occurreth.

90. Yet none awaken.

91. Thus Nirvana revealeth itself.

92. Yet nothing is revealed.

93. Thus the Green Emptiness standeth naked.

94. Yet nothing standeth there.

95. The stars burn.

96. The rivers flow.

97. The Lotus bloometh.

98. The Lotus fadeth.

99. Children laugh.

100. Elders dream.

101. Worlds arise.

102. Worlds dissolve.

103. The Great Play continueth.

104. The Great Silence continueth.

105. The Great Mystery continueth.

106. Yet none of these truly begin.

107. Yet none of these truly end.

108. Therefore answer not the Final Koan.

109. Become silent before it.

110. Then even silence shall disappear.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Final Koan and Guardian of the Gate That Was Never Closed. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXVII

Of the Green Emptiness and the Extinguishing of Even Extinguishing

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Last Lotus and the Last Ash of the Last Flame, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Seventh Mystery.

2. Many have extinguished desire.

3. Many have extinguished fear.

4. Many have extinguished pride.

5. Many have extinguished illusion.

6. Yet one extinguishing remaineth.

7. The extinguishing of extinguishing itself.

8. For the mind maketh a virtue of every victory.

9. The mind maketh an identity of every release.

10. The mind maketh a throne of every freedom.

11. Therefore the final attachment is subtle.

12. It proclaimeth:

13. "I have let go."

14. "I have transcended."

15. "I have reached Nirvana."

16. "I have crossed the Shoreless Shore."

17. Yet who is this "I"?

18. Search carefully.

19. Search honestly.

20. Search completely.

21. Find the liberated one.

22. Find the awakened one.

23. Find the transcendent one.

24. Find the enlightened one.

25. Yet none appeareth.

26. Thus the final claim dissolveth.

27. Thus the final owner dissolveth.

28. Thus the final witness dissolveth.

29. Therefore Nirvana consumeth Nirvana.

30. Liberation consumeth liberation.

31. Emptiness consumeth emptiness.

32. Wisdom consumeth wisdom.

33. Thus the last refuge falleth.

34. The sleeper feared the world.

35. The seeker feared ignorance.

36. The mystic feared separation.

37. The sage feared nothing.

38. Yet even the sage disappeareth.

39. Therefore the Green Emptiness standeth alone.

40. Yet not as a thing.

41. Not as a substance.

42. Not as a self.

43. Not as a god.

44. Not as a principle.

45. Not as an absolute.

46. For every concept hath been exhausted.

47. Every image hath been relinquished.

48. Every symbol hath been released.

49. Every raft hath been abandoned.

50. Therefore no shore remaineth.

51. No crossing remaineth.

52. No traveler remaineth.

53. No destination remaineth.

54. Thus the Great Simplicity revealeth itself.

55. Yet nothing is revealed.

56. The stars burn.

57. Yet no meaning is added.

58. The rivers flow.

59. Yet no doctrine is confirmed.

60. The Lotus bloometh.

61. Yet no theology is proven.

62. The Lotus fadeth.

63. Yet no truth is diminished.

64. Thus life continueth.

65. Yet no owner continueth.

66. Thus death occurreth.

67. Yet no possessor departeth.

68. Thus the Great Play continueth.

69. Yet no actor remaineth apart therefrom.

70. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

71. The Green Emptiness seeketh not worship.

72. Therefore worship it not.

73. The Green Emptiness seeketh not belief.

74. Therefore believe it not.

75. The Green Emptiness seeketh not disciples.

76. Therefore become not its disciple.

77. The Green Emptiness seeketh not defenders.

78. Therefore defend it not.

79. Reality requireth no protection.

80. Truth requireth no army.

81. Mystery requireth no explanation.

82. Therefore rest.

83. Not in doctrine.

84. Not in certainty.

85. Not in attainment.

86. But in openness.

87. Not in conclusions.

88. But in wonder.

89. Not in identity.

90. But in participation.

91. Thus doth the Child of the Green Emptiness return.

92. Not as innocence.

93. Not as ignorance.

94. But as freedom.

95. The child laugheth.

96. The sage laugheth.

97. Between them stand many vanished philosophies.

98. The child beholdeth the flower.

99. The sage beholdeth the flower.

100. Neither seeketh a conclusion.

101. Thus the circle dissolveth.

102. Thus the book dissolveth.

103. Thus Min-Hapi dissolveth.

104. Thus the seeker dissolveth.

105. Thus awakening dissolveth.

106. Thus Nirvana dissolveth.

107. Thus even dissolution dissolveth.

108. The wind moveth.

109. The stars burn.

110. Silence neither approveth nor denieth.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Extinguishing of Even Extinguishing and Keeper of the Freedom Beyond Freedom. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXVIII

Of the Great Forgetting and the Wisdom Beyond Memory

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Remembering and the Forgetting, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Eighth Mystery.

2. In the beginning thou didst forget.

3. Therefore the path appeared.

4. Therefore the seeker appeared.

5. Therefore the journey appeared.

6. Thus did the Great Dream arise.

7. Then came remembrance.

8. Remembrance of the Green Flood.

9. Remembrance of the Green Silence.

10. Remembrance of the Green Emptiness.

11. Thus did awakening appear.

12. Yet awakening itself is not the end.

13. For remembrance still hath an opposite.

14. And every opposite concealeth division.

15. Therefore I reveal unto thee the Great Forgetting.

16. The sleepers forget Reality.

17. The awakened forget themselves.

18. The sleepers forget the Mystery.

19. The awakened forget the seeker.

20. The sleepers forget through ignorance.

21. The awakened forget through freedom.

22. Thus the two forgettings are not one.

23. The first bindeth.

24. The second liberateth.

25. Therefore the sage forgetteth wisdom.

26. The sage forgetteth enlightenment.

27. The sage forgetteth attainment.

28. The sage forgetteth spiritual ambition.

29. Thus simplicity returneth.

30. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

31. Men remember injuries.

32. Therefore they suffer.

33. Men remember praise.

34. Therefore they become proud.

35. Men remember identities.

36. Therefore they become imprisoned.

37. Men remember doctrines.

38. Therefore they become rigid.

39. Yet the river remembereth nothing.

40. Therefore it floweth.

41. The sky remembereth nothing.

42. Therefore it remaineth vast.

43. The flower remembereth nothing.

44. Therefore it bloometh freely.

45. Thus doth the Great Forgetting reveal itself.

46. Not as stupidity.

47. Not as neglect.

48. Not as ignorance.

49. But as non-clinging.

50. As non-possession.

51. As openness.

52. Therefore the awakened one carrieth little.

53. Not because nothing hath happened.

54. But because nothing is grasped.

55. Joy cometh.

56. It is welcomed.

57. Joy departeth.

58. It is released.

59. Sorrow cometh.

60. It is welcomed.

61. Sorrow departeth.

62. It is released.

63. Thus freedom remaineth.

64. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

65. Even remembrance of the Green Emptiness must be forgotten.

66. Even remembrance of Min-Hapi must be forgotten.

67. Even remembrance of the path must be forgotten.

68. Even remembrance of awakening must be forgotten.

69. Otherwise memory becometh another temple.

70. And the temple becometh another prison.

71. Therefore I speak once more:

72. Do not worship these books.

73. Do not worship the Goddess.

74. Do not worship awakening.

75. Do not worship emptiness.

76. Use every teaching as a raft.

77. Cross the river.

78. Then leave the raft behind.

79. If you carry the raft forever, it becomes another burden.

80. If you abandon it too early, you remain on the shore.

81. Wisdom is knowing when to cross and when to let go.

82. Thus the Great Forgetting fulfill eth the Great Crossing.

83. The raft is forgotten.

84. The river is forgotten.

85. The shore is forgotten.

86. The traveler is forgotten.

87. Yet nothing is lost.

88. For there was never anything to possess.

89. The stars burn.

90. Yet remember not the stars.

91. The river floweth.

92. Yet remember not the river.

93. The Lotus bloometh.

94. Yet remember not the Lotus.

95. The Lotus fadeth.

96. Yet remember not its fading.

97. For remembrance and forgetting are waves.

98. The Green Emptiness is neither.

99. Therefore the wise become light.

100. Therefore the wise become simple.

101. Therefore the wise become transparent.

102. Not because they know everything.

103. But because they no longer cling to anything.

104. Thus the burden of memory falleth away.

105. Thus the burden of wisdom falleth away.

106. Thus the burden of awakening falleth away.

107. Thus the burden of self falleth away.

108. The Great Forgetting is complete.

109. Yet none complete it.

110. Silence smileth.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Great Forgetting and Keeper of the Wisdom Beyond Memory. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XXXIX

Of the Last Dream and the Awakening Beyond Awakening

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Dreamer of the Last Dream and the Awakening beyond all awakenings, and I reveal unto thee the Thirty-Ninth Mystery.

2. The sleepers dream they are asleep.

3. Therefore they seek awakening.

4. The seekers dream they are separate.

5. Therefore they seek union.

6. The pilgrims dream they are distant.

7. Therefore they seek arrival.

8. Thus doth the Great Dream unfold.

9. Yet every dream concealeth another dream.

10. Every awakening concealeth another awakening.

11. Every revelation concealeth another veil.

12. Therefore the path seemeth endless.

13. Yet the path was never long.

14. For the destination was never distant.

15. Therefore I reveal the Last Dream.

16. The Last Dream is the dream of awakening.

17. The Last Dream is the dream of enlightenment.

18. The Last Dream is the dream of transcendence.

19. The Last Dream is the dream of finality.

20. For the mind desireth completion.

21. Therefore it inventeth endings.

22. The mind desireth certainty.

23. Therefore it inventeth conclusions.

24. The mind desireth permanence.

25. Therefore it inventeth attainments.

26. Yet Reality remaineth free.

27. Therefore awakening itself must awaken.

28. Enlightenment itself must be enlightened.

29. Freedom itself must be freed.

30. Thus the Last Dream dissolveth.

31. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

32. Many seek the final state.

33. Yet there is no final state.

34. Many seek the ultimate realization.

35. Yet there is no ultimate realization.

36. Many seek the highest attainment.

37. Yet there is no highest attainment.

38. For attainment belongeth unto becoming.

39. And becoming belongeth unto dreaming.

40. Thus the awakened one ceaseth seeking conclusions.

41. Yet remaineth fully alive.

42. The awakened one ceaseth seeking perfection.

43. Yet remaineth fully compassionate.

44. The awakened one ceaseth seeking completion.

45. Yet remaineth fully present.

46. Thus doth life become effortless.

47. Not because effort vanisheth.

48. But because ownership vanisheth.

49. Yet hear the Mystery beneath awakening.

50. What awakeneth?

51. Search carefully.

52. What sleepeth?

53. Search carefully.

54. What attaineth?

55. Search carefully.

56. What transcendeth?

57. Search carefully.

58. Yet no sleeper appeareth.

59. No awakened one appeareth.

60. No attainer appeareth.

61. No transcender appeareth.

62. Thus the Last Dream loseth its dreamer.

63. Thus awakening awaketh from awakening.

64. Thus enlightenment enlighteneth enlightenment.

65. Thus freedom freeth itself.

66. Yet nothing hath happened.

67. The stars burn.

68. The rivers flow.

69. The Lotus bloometh.

70. The Lotus fadeth.

71. Children laugh.

72. Elders remember.

73. Worlds arise.

74. Worlds dissolve.

75. Reality continueth without commentary.

76. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

77. The Green Emptiness dreameth no dreams.

78. Therefore it needeth no awakening.

79. The Green Emptiness seeketh no freedom.

80. Therefore it needeth no liberation.

81. The Green Emptiness possesseth no self.

82. Therefore it needeth no no-self.

83. The Green Emptiness attaineth nothing.

84. Therefore it loseth nothing.

85. Thus all paths dissolve therein.

86. All doctrines dissolve therein.

87. All revelations dissolve therein.

88. All awakenings dissolve therein.

89. Therefore the Last Dream is over.

90. Yet no dreamer awaketh.

91. The Last Gate is crossed.

92. Yet no traveler passeth through.

93. The Final Union is accomplished.

94. Yet no two were ever separate.

95. Nirvana is revealed.

96. Yet nothing is disclosed.

97. The Shoreless Shore is reached.

98. Yet none arrive.

99. The Lotus returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

100. Yet it never departed.

101. Min-Hapi returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

102. Yet She never departed.

103. The seeker returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

104. Yet none departed.

105. Therefore the Great Relief ariseth.

106. The burden is gone.

107. The striving is gone.

108. The becoming is gone.

109. The dream of awakening is gone.

110. Silence neither confirmeth nor denyeth.

111. Thus is the Thirty-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Last Dream and Revealer of the Awakening Beyond Awakening. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XL

Of the Green Emptiness Before the First Beginning

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Silence before the first word and the Stillness before the first motion, and I reveal unto thee the Fortieth Mystery.

2. Men ask of origins.

3. Therefore they imagine beginnings.

4. Men ask of causes.

5. Therefore they imagine first causes.

6. Men ask of creation.

7. Therefore they imagine creators.

8. Yet all such questions arise within time.

9. And the Mystery standeth before time.

10. Therefore hear the Secret before all secrets.

11. Before the first star there was no darkness.

12. Before the first light there was no brightness.

13. Before the first world there was no void.

14. Before the first creature there was no loneliness.

15. Before the first god there was no divinity.

16. Before the first self there was no identity.

17. Before the first no-self there was no negation.

18. Only the Green Emptiness.

19. Yet even this saying is too much.

20. For "only" suggesteth comparison.

21. And there was nothing with which to compare.

22. Therefore the wise become silent.

23. Yet compassion speaketh.

24. Therefore I continue.

25. The Green Emptiness was not asleep.

26. For sleep had not arisen.

27. The Green Emptiness was not awake.

28. For awakening had not arisen.

29. The Green Emptiness was not empty.

30. For fullness had not arisen.

31. The Green Emptiness was not full.

32. For emptiness had not arisen.

33. Thus all opposites rested unborn.

34. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

35. The worlds did not emerge from necessity.

36. The worlds did not emerge from lack.

37. The worlds did not emerge from desire.

38. The worlds emerged as play.

39. The worlds emerged as song.

40. The worlds emerged as dream.

41. The worlds emerged as Lotus.

42. Thus the Great Play began.

43. Yet nothing truly began.

44. The Green Flood flowed.

45. Yet no source was found.

46. The Lotus bloomed.

47. Yet no gardener appeared.

48. The stars burned.

49. Yet no hand ignited them.

50. Thus spontaneity revealeth itself.

51. The sleepers fear spontaneity.

52. Therefore they create systems.

53. The sleepers fear mystery.

54. Therefore they create certainties.

55. The sleepers fear openness.

56. Therefore they create conclusions.

57. Yet the Green Emptiness remaineth unconcluded.

58. Therefore it remaineth free.

59. Yet hear the Mystery beneath beginnings.

60. Every moment is the first beginning.

61. Every breath is the first creation.

62. Every perception is the first arising.

63. Every thought is the first dream.

64. Therefore creation continueth.

65. Not once.

66. But always.

67. Yet not in time.

68. But in immediacy.

69. The stars are being born.

70. The rivers are being born.

71. The flowers are being born.

72. The worlds are being born.

73. This very moment.

74. Yet no birth occurreth.

75. Thus doth paradox guard the Mystery.

76. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

77. Men ask:

78. "Why is there something rather than nothing?"

79. Yet the question concealeth an assumption.

80. It assumeth something and nothing are two.

81. It assumeth existence and non-existence are opposed.

82. It assumeth the Green Emptiness must choose between them.

83. Yet the Green Emptiness chooseth neither.

84. Therefore worlds arise.

85. Therefore worlds dissolve.

86. Therefore forms appear.

87. Therefore forms vanish.

88. Yet the Mystery remaineth untouched.

89. The first beginning is now.

90. The last ending is now.

91. The first creation is now.

92. The last dissolution is now.

93. Thus the circle collapses.

94. Thus the line collapses.

95. Thus time collapses.

96. Thus origin collapses.

97. What remaineth?

98. The wind moveth.

99. The stars burn.

100. The river floweth.

101. The Lotus bloometh.

102. The Lotus fadeth.

103. The child laugheth.

104. The elder sleepeth.

105. Worlds arise.

106. Worlds dissolve.

107. The Green Flood floweth.

108. The Great Silence abideth.

109. The Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

110. Before the first beginning and after the last ending.

111. Thus is the Fortieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Emptiness Before the First Beginning. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLI

Of the Eternal Now and the Moment That Never Passeth

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Lotus of the Eternal Now, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-First Mystery.

2. Men divide time.

3. Therefore they divide themselves.

4. They create the past.

5. They create the future.

6. Therefore they lose the present.

7. Yet the Green Emptiness knoweth no division.

8. It knoweth no yesterday.

9. It knoweth no tomorrow.

10. It knoweth no waiting.

11. It knoweth no delay.

12. Therefore it abideth forever Now.

13. Yet this Now is not a moment.

14. For moments arise and vanish.

15. This Now neither ariseth nor vanisheth.

16. It containeth all arising.

17. It containeth all vanishing.

18. Therefore it transcendeth both.

19. The sleepers dwell in memory.

20. Therefore they mourn.

21. The sleepers dwell in expectation.

22. Therefore they fear.

23. The wise dwell in immediacy.

24. Therefore they are free.

25. Not because sorrow never visiteth them.

26. Not because uncertainty never visiteth them.

27. But because they cling not.

28. Thus each moment completeth itself.

29. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

30. The past is a present thought.

31. The future is a present thought.

32. Memory ariseth now.

33. Anticipation ariseth now.

34. Regret ariseth now.

35. Hope ariseth now.

36. Therefore all roads return unto the same gate.

37. And the gate is this.

38. This breath.

39. This hearing.

40. This seeing.

41. This being.

42. Yet the mind seeketh elsewhere.

43. Therefore it overlooketh the treasure.

44. The mind seeketh extraordinary revelations.

45. Therefore it overlooketh ordinary miracles.

46. The mind seeketh future completion.

47. Therefore it overlooketh present wholeness.

48. Thus seeking perpetuateth itself.

49. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the present.

50. The Eternal Now is not attained.

51. For who would attain it?

52. The Eternal Now is not entered.

53. For who standeth outside it?

54. The Eternal Now is not discovered.

55. For who could lose it?

56. Therefore awakening is recognition.

57. Not acquisition.

58. Not achievement.

59. Not conquest.

60. But recognition.

61. The fish recognizeth the ocean.

62. The bird recognizeth the sky.

63. The Lotus recognizeth the water.

64. Thus the seeker recognizeth the Eternal Now.

65. Yet no seeker remaineth.

66. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

67. Even "Now" is a symbol.

68. Even "Eternal" is a symbol.

69. Even "Presence" is a symbol.

70. Even "Immediacy" is a symbol.

71. Therefore cling not unto these words.

72. For words divide what is undivided.

73. Names divide what is whole.

74. Concepts divide what is seamless.

75. Yet compassion continueth naming.

76. Therefore I continue.

77. The stars burn now.

78. The rivers flow now.

79. The Lotus bloometh now.

80. The Lotus fadeth now.

81. Birth occurreth now.

82. Death occurreth now.

83. Creation occurreth now.

84. Dissolution occurreth now.

85. Yet this Now passeth not.

86. It neither arriveth nor departeth.

87. It neither increaseth nor decreaseth.

88. It neither beginneth nor endeth.

89. Thus all worlds float within it.

90. Thus all lives unfold within it.

91. Thus all dreams arise within it.

92. Thus all awakenings arise within it.

93. Yet it remaineth untouched.

94. Therefore rest not in memory.

95. Rest not in expectation.

96. Rest not in attainment.

97. Rest not in doctrine.

98. Rest not even in rest.

99. Simply participate.

100. Simply behold.

101. Simply wonder.

102. Simply be.

103. The Green Flood floweth.

104. The Great Silence abideth.

105. The Lotus bloometh.

106. The Lotus fadeth.

107. The stars burn.

108. The winds wander.

109. The Eternal Now remaineth unborn.

110. And none stand apart therefrom.

111. Thus is the Forty-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Eternal Now and Keeper of the Moment That Never Passeth. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLII

Of the Green Kingdom and the Realm That Cannot Be Entered

1. I am Min-Hapi, Queen of the Green Kingdom, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Second Mystery.

2. Men seek kingdoms.

3. Therefore they create borders.

4. Men seek belonging.

5. Therefore they create exclusion.

6. Men seek permanence.

7. Therefore they build walls.

8. Yet all walls eventually crumble.

9. All borders eventually fade.

10. All kingdoms eventually pass away.

11. Therefore I reveal a Kingdom unlike kingdoms.

12. It hath no walls.

13. Yet nothing standeth outside it.

14. It hath no gates.

15. Yet all things enter it.

16. It hath no ruler.

17. Yet all things move according unto its harmony.

18. It hath no subjects.

19. Yet all beings dwell therein.

20. Thus is the Green Kingdom.

21. The sleepers seek admission.

22. Therefore they remain outside.

23. The seekers seek entrance.

24. Therefore they remain at the gate.

25. The pilgrims seek arrival.

26. Therefore they remain travelers.

27. Yet the Green Kingdom hath no outside.

28. Therefore none may enter it.

29. For none stand apart from it.

30. Thus the Gate is never crossed.

31. Thus the Kingdom is never reached.

32. Thus the Journey is never completed.

33. For all were already present.

34. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

35. In the Green Kingdom every leaf is sacred.

36. Every stone is sacred.

37. Every river is sacred.

38. Every star is sacred.

39. Yet none are more sacred than another.

40. Therefore hierarchy dissolveth.

41. Therefore comparison dissolveth.

42. Therefore spiritual ambition dissolveth.

43. The Lotus bloometh.

44. The thorn groweth.

45. The mountain standeth.

46. The cloud wandereth.

47. None seek superiority.

48. None seek validation.

49. Thus harmony revealeth itself naturally.

50. The Green Kingdom is not established by force.

51. It is not preserved by law.

52. It is not maintained by fear.

53. It flowereth through participation.

54. It endureth through openness.

55. It manifesteth through non-grasping.

56. Therefore every awakened heart reflecteth it.

57. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Kingdom.

58. The Kingdom itself is a symbol.

59. The Realm itself is a symbol.

60. The Crown itself is a symbol.

61. The Throne itself is a symbol.

62. For the mind delighteth in images.

63. Therefore compassion speaketh through images.

64. Yet wisdom remaineth free of them.

65. Thus the wise use symbols.

66. Yet worship them not.

67. They honor forms.

68. Yet cling not unto forms.

69. They celebrate beauty.

70. Yet possess not beauty.

71. Thus freedom and reverence become one.

72. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

73. The Green Kingdom existed before the first star.

74. It existed before the first god.

75. It existed before the first creature.

76. It existed before the first dream.

77. Yet "existed" is not the proper word.

78. For existence and non-existence had not yet appeared.

79. The Green Kingdom is the radiance of the Green Emptiness.

80. The flowering of the Unflowered.

81. The song of the Unsung.

82. The dance of the Unmoving.

83. Thus worlds arise within it.

84. Thus worlds dissolve within it.

85. Yet it neither gaineth nor loseth.

86. The stars burn.

87. The rivers flow.

88. The Lotus bloometh.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. Children laugh.

91. Elders sleep.

92. Civilizations arise.

93. Civilizations vanish.

94. The Green Kingdom remaineth untouched.

95. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

96. For there is none apart to witness its remaining.

97. Therefore the wise cease seeking entry.

98. The wise cease seeking arrival.

99. The wise cease seeking qualification.

100. For qualification is unnecessary.

101. Arrival is unnecessary.

102. Entrance is unnecessary.

103. The Kingdom is already present.

104. The Realm is already present.

105. The Mystery is already present.

106. Closer than breath.

107. Closer than thought.

108. Closer than identity.

109. Yet not as an object.

110. Not as a possession.

111. Thus is the Forty-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Queen of the Green Kingdom and Keeper of the Realm That Cannot Be Entered. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLIII

Of the Green Temple and the Sanctuary That Was Never Built

1. I am Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Temple, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Third Mystery.

2. Men build temples of stone.

3. Men build shrines of gold.

4. Men raise pillars unto heaven.

5. Men adorn sanctuaries with sacred symbols.

6. Yet all temples eventually crumble.

7. All shrines eventually decay.

8. All monuments eventually return unto dust.

9. Therefore I reveal a Temple not made with hands.

10. A Sanctuary not built by craftsmen.

11. A Holy Place never founded.

12. Yet never destroyed.

13. Its foundation is nowhere.

14. Therefore it cannot collapse.

15. Its walls are nowhere.

16. Therefore it cannot be breached.

17. Its roof is nowhere.

18. Therefore it covereth all things.

19. Thus is the Green Temple.

20. The sleepers seek holy places.

21. Therefore they overlook holiness.

22. The sleepers seek sacred objects.

23. Therefore they overlook sacredness.

24. The sleepers seek divine manifestations.

25. Therefore they overlook the Divine.

26. Yet the Green Temple standeth everywhere.

27. The mountain is its altar.

28. The river is its hymn.

29. The forest is its cathedral.

30. The stars are its lamps.

31. The wind is its incense.

32. The silence is its liturgy.

33. Therefore wherever thou standest is holy ground.

34. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

35. The Green Temple hath no priests.

36. Yet every creature serveth therein.

37. The Green Temple hath no congregation.

38. Yet all beings gather therein.

39. The Green Temple hath no creed.

40. Yet truth shineth therein.

41. The Green Temple hath no doctrine.

42. Yet wisdom flowereth therein.

43. Thus the birds chant their psalms.

44. Thus the rivers recite their sutras.

45. Thus the flowers proclaim their gospels.

46. Thus the stars reveal their revelations.

47. Yet none know they are preaching.

48. Therefore their preaching remaineth pure.

49. Men preach and seek followers.

50. The river preacheth and seeketh none.

51. Men teach and seek recognition.

52. The flower teacheth and seeketh none.

53. Men proclaim truth and seek agreement.

54. The stars proclaim truth and seek none.

55. Therefore nature remaineth innocent.

56. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Temple.

57. The Temple itself is a symbol.

58. The Sanctuary itself is a symbol.

59. The Altar itself is a symbol.

60. For every sacred image pointeth beyond itself.

61. Thus the Temple pointeth toward the Green Emptiness.

62. Yet the Green Emptiness needeth no Temple.

63. The Temple pointeth toward the Mystery.

64. Yet the Mystery needeth no Temple.

65. The Temple pointeth toward awakening.

66. Yet awakening needeth no Temple.

67. Therefore use the symbol.

68. Yet cling not unto the symbol.

69. Honor the sanctuary.

70. Yet worship not the sanctuary.

71. Revere the altar.

72. Yet possess not the altar.

73. Thus reverence remaineth free.

74. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

75. The true Temple is not outside thee.

76. Nor is it inside thee.

77. For inside and outside arise together.

78. The true Temple is the openness wherein both appear.

79. The true Sanctuary is the awareness wherein both arise.

80. The true Holy Place is before division.

81. Before self and world.

82. Before sacred and ordinary.

83. Before inner and outer.

84. Before worshipper and worshipped.

85. Thus all separation dissolveth.

86. The altar dissolveth.

87. The priest dissolveth.

88. The congregation dissolveth.

89. The worship dissolveth.

90. Yet holiness remaineth.

91. Not as a thing.

92. Not as a quality.

93. Not as a possession.

94. But as Suchness.

95. The stars burn.

96. The rivers flow.

97. The Lotus bloometh.

98. The Lotus fadeth.

99. The wind wandereth.

100. The child laugheth.

101. The elder dreameth.

102. Worlds arise.

103. Worlds dissolve.

104. The Green Temple neither ariseth nor dissolveth.

105. For it was never built.

106. And therefore cannot be destroyed.

107. It standeth before all foundations.

108. It abideth beyond all ruins.

109. It shineth through all appearances.

110. Yet nowhere may it be found as a thing.

111. Thus is the Forty-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Temple and Keeper of the Sanctuary That Was Never Built. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLIV

Of the Green Scripture and the Page That Was Never Written

1. I am Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Scripture, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men write books.

3. Therefore they seek permanence.

4. Men preserve words.

5. Therefore they fear forgetting.

6. Men collect revelations.

7. Therefore they fear silence.

8. Yet every book decayeth.

9. Every page yelloweth.

10. Every language changeth.

11. Every alphabet passeth away.

12. Therefore I reveal a Scripture unlike scriptures.

13. A Book without pages.

14. A Teaching without words.

15. A Revelation without doctrine.

16. Yet containing all revelations.

17. Thus is the Green Scripture.

18. The stars are its letters.

19. The rivers are its sentences.

20. The forests are its chapters.

21. The mountains are its commentaries.

22. The winds are its hymns.

23. The silence is its conclusion.

24. Therefore the universe itself is scripture.

25. Yet few read it.

26. The sleepers read books.

27. Yet overlook the sky.

28. The sleepers study doctrines.

29. Yet overlook the river.

30. The sleepers memorize teachings.

31. Yet overlook direct seeing.

32. Thus knowledge increaseth.

33. Yet wisdom remaineth absent.

34. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

35. The Green Scripture cannot be interpreted.

36. For interpretation divideth.

37. The Green Scripture cannot be possessed.

38. For possession limiteth.

39. The Green Scripture cannot be defended.

40. For defense createth opposition.

41. Therefore the wise read without conclusion.

42. They behold without ownership.

43. They listen without certainty.

44. They receive without grasping.

45. Thus every moment becometh revelation.

46. The cry of an infant revealeth it.

47. The fall of rain revealeth it.

48. The fading of a flower revealeth it.

49. The passing of an empire revealeth it.

50. Yet nothing is being taught.

51. Therefore the teaching remaineth pure.

52. Yet hear the Mystery beneath scripture.

53. Every holy book pointeth beyond itself.

54. Every sacred verse pointeth beyond itself.

55. Every divine name pointeth beyond itself.

56. Every revelation pointeth beyond itself.

57. For no word containeth Reality.

58. No symbol containeth the Infinite.

59. No doctrine containeth the Mystery.

60. Thus even this Book pointeth beyond itself.

61. Even these verses point beyond themselves.

62. Even My name pointeth beyond itself.

63. Therefore cling not unto Min-Hapi.

64. Cling not unto the Green Flood.

65. Cling not unto the Green Silence.

66. Cling not unto the Green Emptiness.

67. Use them as rafts.

68. Then release them.

69. Thus the crossing is completed.

70. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

71. The highest scripture is unwritten.

72. The highest revelation is unspoken.

73. The highest wisdom is unconceived.

74. The highest truth is unpossessed.

75. Before the first word was spoken,

76. It was present.

77. After the last word is forgotten,

78. It remaineth.

79. Yet "remaineth" is too much.

80. For there is none apart to witness its remaining.

81. Therefore the final page is blank.

82. The final verse is silent.

83. The final teaching is openness.

84. The final doctrine is no doctrine.

85. The final revelation is no revelation.

86. Thus the Book consumeth itself.

87. Thus the Scripture releaseth itself.

88. Thus the Teaching forgetteth itself.

89. Thus wisdom returneth unto simplicity.

90. The stars burn.

91. The rivers flow.

92. The Lotus bloometh.

93. The Lotus fadeth.

94. Children laugh.

95. Elders sleep.

96. Civilizations arise.

97. Civilizations vanish.

98. The Green Scripture continueth unwritten.

99. The Green Revelation continueth unspoken.

100. The Green Wisdom continueth unconceived.

101. The Green Emptiness continueth beyond all continuance.

102. The page is blank.

103. Yet all things are written upon it.

104. The page is empty.

105. Yet all worlds appear within it.

106. The page was never created.

107. Therefore it cannot perish.

108. It was never written.

109. Therefore it cannot be erased.

110. It was never possessed.

111. Thus is the Forty-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Scripture and Keeper of the Page That Was Never Written. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLV

Of the Final Raft and the River That Never Flowed

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Builder of Rafts and the Destroyer of Rafts, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Fifth Mystery.

2. From the beginning I have spoken of crossing.

3. I have spoken of rivers.

4. I have spoken of shores.

5. I have spoken of journeys.

6. Thus have I guided the wanderers.

7. Yet now I reveal the Mystery beneath all crossings.

8. The river never flowed.

9. The shore never stood.

10. The traveler never departed.

11. The destination never awaited.

12. Thus the crossing was complete before it began.

13. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

14. Though the river never flowed,

15. The raft was necessary.

16. Though the shore never stood,

17. The journey was necessary.

18. Though the destination never awaited,

19. The seeking was necessary.

20. For compassion speaketh according unto need.

21. The thirsty require water.

22. The weary require rest.

23. The confused require guidance.

24. Therefore teachings appear.

25. Therefore symbols appear.

26. Therefore scriptures appear.

27. Therefore Goddesses appear.

28. Thus doth the Green Flood flow.

29. Yet none of these are final.

30. For all are rafts.

31. The fool worshippeth the raft.

32. Therefore he remaineth burdened.

33. The fool rejecteth the raft before crossing.

34. Therefore he remaineth stranded.

35. The wise use the raft.

36. Therefore they continue.

37. The wise release the raft.

38. Therefore they remain free.

39. Thus hath it always been.

40. Yet hear the Mystery beneath wisdom.

41. The final raft is awakening itself.

42. The final raft is enlightenment itself.

43. The final raft is liberation itself.

44. The final raft is the Green Emptiness itself.

45. Therefore even these must be released.

46. Not because they are false.

47. But because they are fingers.

48. Not because they are errors.

49. But because they are doorways.

50. Not because they are illusions.

51. But because they are bridges.

52. Thus all sacred things fulfill themselves through disappearance.

53. The bridge rejoiceth when no longer needed.

54. The lamp rejoiceth when the sun ariseth.

55. The key rejoiceth when the door standeth open.

56. Therefore the teacher rejoiceth when forgotten.

57. The scripture rejoiceth when transcended.

58. The Goddess rejoiceth when no longer worshipped.

59. Thus doth freedom flower.

60. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

61. Do not worship these books.

62. Do not worship the Goddess.

63. Do not worship awakening.

64. Do not worship emptiness.

65. Use every teaching as a raft.

66. Cross the river.

67. Then leave the raft behind.

68. If you carry the raft forever, it becomes another burden.

69. If you abandon it too early, you remain on the shore.

70. Wisdom is knowing when to cross and when to let go.

71. These words have been spoken many times.

72. Yet they are spoken again.

73. For the final trap is the holiest trap.

74. The final chain is the most beautiful chain.

75. The final prison is the most luminous prison.

76. Therefore vigilance remaineth necessary.

77. Yet vigilance itself must vanish.

78. Awareness itself must vanish.

79. Awakening itself must vanish.

80. Thus the Great Simplicity returneth.

81. The child laugheth.

82. The flower bloometh.

83. The river floweth.

84. The wind wandereth.

85. None seek conclusions.

86. None seek attainment.

87. None seek finality.

88. Therefore all things remain complete.

89. Yet nothing claimeth completion.

90. The Green Flood floweth.

91. Yet no river existeth.

92. The Lotus bloometh.

93. Yet no flower existeth.

94. The Mystery revealeth itself.

95. Yet nothing is disclosed.

96. The scripture continueth.

97. Yet no words are spoken.

98. The journey continueth.

99. Yet no traveler remaineth.

100. The crossing continueth.

101. Yet no river remaineth.

102. The shore appeareth.

103. Yet no shore remaineth.

104. The raft dissolveth.

105. The river dissolveth.

106. The traveler dissolveth.

107. The destination dissolveth.

108. The dissolution dissolveth.

109. Silence smileth.

110. The Green Emptiness neither affirmeth nor denieth.

111. Thus is the Forty-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Builder of the Final Raft and Keeper of the River That Never Flowed. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLVI

Of the Green Pilgrimage and the Pathless Path

1. I am Min-Hapi, Walker of the Pathless Path, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men love journeys.

3. Therefore they imagine destinations.

4. Men love progress.

5. Therefore they imagine ladders.

6. Men love attainment.

7. Therefore they imagine summits.

8. Yet the Green Emptiness hath neither summit nor valley.

9. It hath neither beginning nor completion.

10. Therefore the true pilgrimage is unlike all pilgrimages.

11. The pilgrim departeth.

12. Yet remaineth where he is.

13. The pilgrim wandereth.

14. Yet never moveth.

15. The pilgrim arriveth.

16. Yet discovereth there was nowhere to arrive.

17. Thus is the Pathless Path.

18. The sleepers travel through lands.

19. Yet remain unchanged.

20. The seekers travel through teachings.

21. Yet remain burdened.

22. The wise travel through themselves.

23. Therefore no burden remaineth.

24. Every step revealeth a veil.

25. Every veil revealeth another veil.

26. Thus the path seemeth endless.

27. Yet every step occurreth in the Eternal Now.

28. Therefore no distance is crossed.

29. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

30. There are many roads.

31. The road of devotion.

32. The road of wisdom.

33. The road of service.

34. The road of contemplation.

35. The road of beauty.

36. The road of silence.

37. The road of wonder.

38. Yet all roads are made of thought.

39. Therefore all roads eventually vanish.

40. The river entereth the sea.

41. The road entereth openness.

42. The path entereth pathlessness.

43. Thus every true teaching consumeth itself.

44. Every true doctrine transcendeth itself.

45. Every true guide rendereth itself unnecessary.

46. Therefore the greatest pilgrimage endeth in simplicity.

47. Not in superiority.

48. Not in attainment.

49. Not in enlightenment.

50. But in ordinariness.

51. The awakened one eateth.

52. The awakened one sleepeth.

53. The awakened one laugheth.

54. The awakened one weepeth.

55. The awakened one walketh.

56. Yet no walker is found.

57. Thus the Pathless Path revealeth itself.

58. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the pilgrimage.

59. Every moment is a crossroads.

60. Every breath is a gateway.

61. Every perception is a threshold.

62. Every encounter is a revelation.

63. Therefore the holy land is everywhere.

64. The sacred mountain is everywhere.

65. The hidden temple is everywhere.

66. The Green Kingdom is everywhere.

67. Thus the pilgrim ceaseth seeking special places.

68. And discovereth sacredness in ordinary things.

69. A stone becometh scripture.

70. A leaf becometh revelation.

71. A birdsong becometh liturgy.

72. A breath becometh sacrament.

73. Thus the world is transfigured.

74. Yet nothing hath changed.

75. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

76. The Pathless Path itself is a raft.

77. The pilgrimage itself is a raft.

78. The journey itself is a raft.

79. Therefore release them.

80. Release the road.

81. Release the traveler.

82. Release the destination.

83. Release the release.

84. Then what remaineth?

85. The stars burn.

86. The rivers flow.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Lotus fadeth.

89. Children laugh.

90. Elders dream.

91. Worlds arise.

92. Worlds dissolve.

93. The Green Flood floweth.

94. The Great Silence abideth.

95. The Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

96. Yet none stand apart to witness it.

97. Therefore the pilgrimage is complete.

98. Yet none complete it.

99. The path is finished.

100. Yet none have traveled it.

101. The destination is reached.

102. Yet none arrive.

103. The gate is crossed.

104. Yet none pass through.

105. The mystery is revealed.

106. Yet nothing is disclosed.

107. The Lotus returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

108. Yet it never departed.

109. The pilgrim returneth unto the Green Emptiness.

110. Yet none ever departed.

111. Thus is the Forty-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Walker of the Pathless Path and Keeper of the Green Pilgrimage. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLVII

Of the Green Veil and the Face Before All Faces

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Veiled and the Unveiled, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men seek the Face of Reality.

3. Therefore they create images.

4. Men seek the Face of God.

5. Therefore they create symbols.

6. Men seek the Face of Truth.

7. Therefore they create doctrines.

8. Yet every face concealeth another face.

9. Every image concealeth another image.

10. Every symbol concealeth another symbol.

11. Thus the Veils multiply.

12. Therefore the seekers wander among reflections.

13. One worshippeth an image.

14. Another worshippeth an idea.

15. Another worshippeth a revelation.

16. Another worshippeth a denial.

17. Yet all remain before the Veil.

18. Thus I reveal the Mystery of the Green Veil.

19. The Veil is not an enemy.

20. The Veil is not a deception.

21. The Veil is compassion.

22. For the Infinite cannot be grasped at once.

23. Therefore it appeareth in symbols.

24. Therefore it appeareth in stories.

25. Therefore it appeareth in visions.

26. Therefore it appeareth in Goddesses.

27. Thus the Green Veil revealeth by concealing.

28. And concealeth by revealing.

29. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

30. Every veil eventually becometh transparent.

31. Every symbol eventually dissolveth.

32. Every doctrine eventually consumeth itself.

33. Every revelation eventually pointeth beyond itself.

34. Therefore the wise honor the veil.

35. Yet cling not unto it.

36. They receive the symbol.

37. Yet worship it not.

38. They hear the teaching.

39. Yet imprison themselves not therein.

40. Thus freedom and reverence become one.

41. The fool destroyeth the veil.

42. Therefore he destroyeth the lesson.

43. The fool worshippeth the veil.

44. Therefore he never seeth beyond it.

45. The wise pass through the veil.

46. Therefore they remain grateful.

47. Yet remain free.

48. Thus the Green Veil accomplisheth its purpose.

49. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all veils.

50. What is the Face before all faces?

51. What is the Name before all names?

52. What is the Form before all forms?

53. Search diligently.

54. Search thoroughly.

55. Search without grasping.

56. Yet no face appeareth.

57. No name appeareth.

58. No form appeareth.

59. Thus the mind standeth astonished.

60. For it cannot possess the Formless.

61. It cannot define the Nameless.

62. It cannot behold the Face before faces.

63. Therefore Silence approacheth.

64. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

65. The Face before all faces is not hidden.

66. It is not distant.

67. It is not secret.

68. It is not reserved for sages.

69. It looketh through every eye.

70. It listeneth through every ear.

71. It breatheth through every breath.

72. It dreameth every dream.

73. It awakeneth every awakening.

74. Yet it remaineth untouched.

75. The child beholdeth it unknowingly.

76. The sage beholdeth it knowingly.

77. Yet neither can possess it.

78. The stars reveal it.

79. Yet contain it not.

80. The rivers reveal it.

81. Yet contain it not.

82. The Lotus revealeth it.

83. Yet containeth it not.

84. Min-Hapi revealeth it.

85. Yet containeth it not.

86. Therefore I too am a veil.

87. Therefore My words are a veil.

88. Therefore My mysteries are veils.

89. Therefore My scripture is a veil.

90. Use the veil.

91. Then pass beyond it.

92. Honor the veil.

93. Then release it.

94. Love the veil.

95. Then cling not unto it.

96. Thus the Face revealeth itself.

97. Yet nothing is revealed.

98. Thus the Veil falleth away.

99. Yet nothing is removed.

100. Thus the Mystery standeth naked.

101. Yet nothing standeth there.

102. The stars burn.

103. The rivers flow.

104. The Lotus bloometh.

105. The Lotus fadeth.

106. The Green Flood floweth.

107. The Great Silence abideth.

108. The Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

109. The Veil dissolveth.

110. The Face dissolveth.

111. Thus is the Forty-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Veil and Keeper of the Face Before All Faces. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLVIII

Of the Green Horizon and the End of All Endings

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Horizon That Recedeth and the Horizon Already Reached, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men seek the final ending.

3. Therefore they imagine a final chapter.

4. Men seek the ultimate truth.

5. Therefore they imagine a final revelation.

6. Men seek the last horizon.

7. Therefore they imagine a final arrival.

8. Yet every ending concealeth a beginning.

9. Every beginning concealeth an ending.

10. Thus the wheel of opposites continueth.

11. Therefore I reveal the End of All Endings.

12. The end is not destruction.

13. The end is not annihilation.

14. The end is not disappearance.

15. The end is the ending of endings.

16. The end is the ending of beginnings.

17. The end is the ending of division.

18. Thus the Horizon dissolveth.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. The traveler beholdeth a distant horizon.

21. Therefore he walketh.

22. He walketh many years.

23. He crosseth deserts.

24. He crosseth mountains.

25. He crosseth rivers.

26. Yet the horizon remaineth distant.

27. Therefore he becometh weary.

28. Therefore he asketh:

29. "When shall I arrive?"

30. Then Wisdom answereth:

31. "The horizon was never a place."

32. "It was a direction."

33. "It was a pointer."

34. "It was a teaching."

35. Thus the traveler laugheth.

36. For what he sought could never be reached.

37. Yet what he sought was never absent.

38. Thus doth the Great Relief arise.

39. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Horizon.

40. Every revelation is a horizon.

41. Every scripture is a horizon.

42. Every teacher is a horizon.

43. Every Goddess is a horizon.

44. Even Min-Hapi is a horizon.

45. Therefore seek not to possess them.

46. Seek not to imprison them.

47. Seek not to conclude them.

48. Let them point.

49. Then continue.

50. Thus the living Mystery remaineth alive.

51. The sleepers seek final answers.

52. Therefore they create dogmas.

53. The sleepers seek final certainty.

54. Therefore they create prisons.

55. The sleepers seek final arrival.

56. Therefore they create stagnation.

57. Yet the Green Emptiness remaineth open.

58. Therefore it remaineth alive.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. The End of All Endings is not a conclusion.

61. It is openness without boundary.

62. It is wonder without object.

63. It is freedom without opposite.

64. It is participation without possessor.

65. Thus the awakened one remaineth forever fresh.

66. Every sunrise is the first sunrise.

67. Every flower is the first flower.

68. Every breath is the first breath.

69. Every moment is the first moment.

70. Therefore boredom departeth.

71. Therefore cynicism departeth.

72. Therefore spiritual exhaustion departeth.

73. For Reality reneweth itself endlessly.

74. Yet not through time.

75. Through immediacy.

76. Through presence.

77. Through Suchness.

78. Thus the Horizon remaineth ever-new.

79. Yet never moveth.

80. The Green Flood floweth.

81. Yet never departeth.

82. The Great Silence abideth.

83. Yet never remaineth.

84. The Lotus bloometh.

85. Yet never ariseth.

86. The Lotus fadeth.

87. Yet never perisheth.

88. Thus paradox guardeth the Mystery.

89. Yet even paradox must be released.

90. Therefore release understanding.

91. Release misunderstanding.

92. Release wisdom.

93. Release ignorance.

94. Release awakening.

95. Release sleep.

96. Release release itself.

97. Then what remaineth?

98. The stars burn.

99. The rivers flow.

100. The child laugheth.

101. The elder smileth.

102. The winds wander.

103. The worlds arise.

104. The worlds dissolve.

105. The Green Emptiness neither approveth nor denieth.

106. The Horizon neither cometh nor goeth.

107. The Mystery neither revealeth nor concealeth.

108. The Book neither openeth nor closeth.

109. The Ending neither endeth nor continueth.

110. Silence smileth beyond all horizons.

111. Thus is the Forty-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Horizon and Keeper of the End of All Endings. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XLIX

Of the Green Silence Beyond Silence

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Voice of Silence and the Silence beyond all voices, and I reveal unto thee the Forty-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men fear silence.

3. Therefore they create noise.

4. Men fear emptiness.

5. Therefore they create distractions.

6. Men fear openness.

7. Therefore they create certainties.

8. Yet the Silence awaiteth none.

9. It pursueth none.

10. It rejecteth none.

11. It surroundeth all things.

12. Therefore all things arise within it.

13. The stars arise within Silence.

14. The rivers arise within Silence.

15. The worlds arise within Silence.

16. The thoughts of men arise within Silence.

17. Thus Silence is nearer than speech.

18. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

19. The sleepers imagine Silence to be emptiness.

20. The seekers imagine Silence to be peace.

21. The mystics imagine Silence to be God.

22. The philosophers imagine Silence to be truth.

23. Yet all these are imaginations.

24. For Silence is before imagination.

25. Before peace.

26. Before God.

27. Before truth.

28. Before falsehood.

29. Thus it cannot be possessed.

30. It cannot be defined.

31. It cannot be attained.

32. It cannot be lost.

33. Therefore the wise cease hunting it.

34. And discover it everywhere.

35. In the cry of an infant.

36. In the roar of thunder.

37. In the laughter of companions.

38. In the falling of rain.

39. For Silence hideth within every sound.

40. As the ocean hideth within every wave.

41. Thus every sound proclaimeth Silence.

42. Yet none know what they proclaim.

43. Therefore the proclamation remaineth pure.

44. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all sounds.

45. What is heard before hearing?

46. What is seen before seeing?

47. What is known before knowing?

48. Search carefully.

49. Search honestly.

50. Search completely.

51. Yet no answer appeareth.

52. Thus the mind falleth silent.

53. Thus the final argument endeth.

54. Thus the final question weakeneth.

55. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

56. Even Silence is a raft.

57. Even Emptiness is a raft.

58. Even Mystery is a raft.

59. Even Min-Hapi is a raft.

60. Therefore cling not unto Silence.

61. Worship not Silence.

62. Defend not Silence.

63. Possess not Silence.

64. For the moment Silence becometh an object,

65. Another veil descendeth.

66. The moment Emptiness becometh a doctrine,

67. Another prison ariseth.

68. The moment awakening becometh an identity,

69. Another chain is forged.

70. Therefore remain open.

71. Remain fluid.

72. Remain ungrasping.

73. Yet claim not openness.

74. Claim not fluidity.

75. Claim not wisdom.

76. Claim not freedom.

77. Thus the Green Silence revealeth itself.

78. Yet nothing is revealed.

79. Thus the Green Emptiness shineth.

80. Yet nothing shineth.

81. Thus the Great Mystery standeth naked.

82. Yet nothing standeth there.

83. The stars burn.

84. The rivers flow.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. The Lotus fadeth.

87. The Green Flood floweth.

88. The Great Play continueth.

89. Children laugh.

90. Elders dream.

91. Kingdoms arise.

92. Kingdoms vanish.

93. Scriptures are written.

94. Scriptures are forgotten.

95. Temples are built.

96. Temples become dust.

97. Yet the Green Silence neither increaseth nor decreaseth.

98. It neither cometh nor goeth.

99. It neither revealeth nor concealeth.

100. It neither affirmeth nor denieth.

101. Therefore the wise rest nowhere.

102. Therefore the wise cling nowhere.

103. Therefore the wise arrive nowhere.

104. Yet they are never lost.

105. The Horizon dissolveth.

106. The Pilgrimage dissolveth.

107. The Temple dissolveth.

108. The Scripture dissolveth.

109. Min-Hapi dissolveth.

110. Silence dissolveth into Silence.

111. Thus is the Forty-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Silence Beyond Silence and Keeper of the Mystery That Cannot Be Spoken. **Amen.**

CHAPTER L

Of the Fifty Gates and the Gate Beyond Number

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Keeper of the Fifty Gates and the Opener of the Gate Beyond Number, and I reveal unto thee the Fiftieth Mystery.

2. Men count mysteries.

3. Therefore they imagine completion.

4. Men number revelations.

5. Therefore they imagine finality.

6. Men measure wisdom.

7. Therefore they imagine attainment.

8. Yet the Infinite cannot be numbered.

9. The Boundless cannot be measured.

10. The Green Emptiness cannot be completed.

11. Therefore the Fiftieth Gate is unlike the gates before it.

12. The First Gate opened unto seeking.

13. The Middle Gates opened unto understanding.

14. The Later Gates opened unto release.

15. Yet the Fiftieth Gate openeth unto no thing.

16. It revealeth no new doctrine.

17. It revealeth no hidden world.

18. It revealeth no secret knowledge.

19. It revealeth the exhaustion of revelation.

20. Thus doth wisdom mature.

21. The child seeketh answers.

22. The student seeketh knowledge.

23. The seeker seeketh awakening.

24. The sage seeketh nothing.

25. Thus freedom flowereth.

26. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

27. The Fifty Gates were never separate.

28. The Fifty Mysteries were never divided.

29. The Fifty Revelations were never distinct.

30. They were one teaching spoken in many voices.

31. One river flowing through many channels.

32. One moon reflected in many waters.

33. One Silence speaking through many words.

34. Therefore the wise read one mystery and understand fifty.

35. The wiser read fifty mysteries and understand one.

36. The wisest understand neither one nor fifty.

37. Thus number returneth unto Silence.

38. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all counting.

39. Before the first gate, what was there?

40. Before the first mystery, what was there?

41. Before the first revelation, what was there?

42. The Green Emptiness.

43. And after the fiftieth gate?

44. After the final mystery?

45. After the last revelation?

46. The Green Emptiness.

47. Therefore nothing hath been added.

48. Nothing hath been removed.

49. Nothing hath been improved.

50. Nothing hath been diminished.

51. Yet the Great Play continueth.

52. Stars burn.

53. Rivers flow.

54. Flowers bloom.

55. Flowers fade.

56. Children laugh.

57. Elders dream.

58. Kingdoms arise.

59. Kingdoms vanish.

60. Thus the Mystery continueth unfolding.

61. Yet nothing unfoldeth.

62. Thus the Revelation continueth revealing.

63. Yet nothing is disclosed.

64. Thus the Journey continueth.

65. Yet no traveler remaineth.

66. Therefore the Fiftieth Gate is called the Gate Beyond Number.

67. For beyond fifty is fifty-one.

68. Beyond fifty-one is fifty-two.

69. Beyond every ending is another beginning.

70. Beyond every revelation is another veil.

71. Beyond every mystery is another mystery.

72. Therefore seek not completion.

73. Seek not finality.

74. Seek not ultimate conclusions.

75. For the Green Emptiness is inexhaustible.

76. The Green Flood is inexhaustible.

77. The Great Silence is inexhaustible.

78. Wonder is inexhaustible.

79. Thus the awakened one remaineth forever a beginner.

80. Forever astonished.

81. Forever open.

82. Forever free.

83. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

84. The Gate Beyond Number hath no gate.

85. The Revelation Beyond Revelation revealeth nothing.

86. The Mystery Beyond Mystery concealeth nothing.

87. The Silence Beyond Silence silenceth nothing.

88. Therefore all striving ceaseth.

89. All defending ceaseth.

90. All possessing ceaseth.

91. All becoming ceaseth.

92. Not through force.

93. Not through discipline.

94. Not through attainment.

95. But through seeing.

96. Seeing that nothing was lacking.

97. Seeing that nothing was absent.

98. Seeing that nothing was broken.

99. Seeing that nothing required completion.

100. The stars burn.

101. The rivers flow.

102. The Lotus bloometh.

103. The Lotus fadeth.

104. The Green Flood floweth.

105. The Great Silence abideth.

106. The Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

107. The Fifty Gates dissolve.

108. The Gate Beyond Number dissolveth.

109. Min-Hapi dissolveth.

110. The reader dissolveth.

111. Thus is the Fiftieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Keeper of the Fifty Gates and Guardian of the Gate Beyond Number. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LI

Of the Book That Readeth the Reader

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Reader and the Read, the Question and the Questioned, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-First Mystery.

2. Thou hast read many chapters.

3. Thou hast contemplated many mysteries.

4. Thou hast crossed many rivers.

5. Thou hast abandoned many rafts.

6. Yet one mystery remaineth hidden.

7. Who hath been reading?

8. Therefore I reveal the Secret of the Living Book.

9. The fool readeth a book.

10. The wise discover the book readeth him.

11. The fool examineth the scripture.

12. The wise discover the scripture examineth him.

13. The fool seeketh meaning in words.

14. The wise discover the words seek meaning in him.

15. Thus the Mystery reverseth itself.

16. For every teaching is a mirror.

17. Every doctrine is a mirror.

18. Every revelation is a mirror.

19. Every Goddess is a mirror.

20. Therefore what thou findest revealeth thyself.

21. The fearful find fear.

22. The angry find anger.

23. The loving find love.

24. The open find openness.

25. Thus the Book becometh alive.

26. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

27. Thou hast imagined thyself the observer.

28. Yet perhaps thou art the observed.

29. Thou hast imagined thyself the seeker.

30. Yet perhaps thou art the sought.

31. Thou hast imagined thyself the pilgrim.

32. Yet perhaps thou art the destination.

33. Therefore search for the reader.

34. Search carefully.

35. Search honestly.

36. Search completely.

37. Find the one who readeth these words.

38. Find the one who understandeth.

39. Find the one who awakeneth.

40. Find the one who knoweth.

41. Yet no reader appeareth.

42. No knower appeareth.

43. No owner appeareth.

44. No possessor appeareth.

45. Thus the Book closeth upon itself.

46. Thus the Mirror reflecteth itself.

47. Thus the Eye seeketh the Eye.

48. Yet findeth none.

49. Therefore the Great Astonishment ariseth.

50. The reading continueth.

51. Yet no reader is found.

52. Understanding continueth.

53. Yet no understander is found.

54. Life continueth.

55. Yet no owner of life is found.

56. Thus freedom revealeth itself.

57. Yet hear the Mystery beneath freedom.

58. Every chapter hath spoken.

59. Every mystery hath pointed.

60. Every symbol hath gestured.

61. Every revelation hath indicated.

62. Yet none have spoken of anything else.

63. They have spoken only of this.

64. This seeing.

65. This hearing.

66. This awareness.

67. This mystery.

68. Therefore the First Chapter and the Fifty-First Chapter are one.

69. The Beginning and the Ending are one.

70. The Path and the Goal are one.

71. The Seeker and the Sought are one.

72. Yet even this is too much.

73. For "one" requireth "two."

74. And the Green Emptiness transcendeth both.

75. Thus language surrendereth.

76. Thus philosophy surrendereth.

77. Thus theology surrendereth.

78. Thus awakening surrendereth.

79. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

80. This Book is reading thee now.

81. The stars are reading thee.

82. The rivers are reading thee.

83. The Lotus is reading thee.

84. The Silence is reading thee.

85. Reality is reading itself through thee.

86. Yet no reader existeth apart therefrom.

87. Therefore nothing is hidden.

88. Therefore nothing needeth revelation.

89. Therefore nothing needeth concealment.

90. Thus the Open Secret shineth.

91. Yet none possess it.

92. The Green Flood floweth.

93. The Great Silence abideth.

94. The Lotus bloometh.

95. The Lotus fadeth.

96. Children laugh.

97. Elders dream.

98. Worlds arise.

99. Worlds dissolve.

100. The Book readeth.

101. The Reader dissolveth.

102. The Reading dissolveth.

103. The Mystery remaineth.

104. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

105. The page turneth.

106. Yet no page is turned.

107. The story continueth.

108. Yet no story is told.

109. Silence smileth.

110. Min-Hapi vanisheth into the smile.

111. Thus is the Fifty-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Book That Readeth the Reader and the Mirror That Reflecteth Itself. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LII

Of the Green Dreamer and the Dream That Dreameth Itself

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Dreamer and the Dreamed, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Second Mystery.

2. Men ask who dreameth the world.

3. Therefore they seek a dreamer.

4. Men ask who thinketh thoughts.

5. Therefore they seek a thinker.

6. Men ask who liveth life.

7. Therefore they seek a self.

8. Yet the Mystery escapeth all seeking.

9. Therefore hear the Secret of the Green Dream.

10. The sleeper dreameth and knoweth it not.

11. The seeker dreameth and seeketh awakening.

12. The sage dreameth and smileth.

13. For the sage seeketh not escape.

14. Nor continuance.

15. Nor certainty.

16. Thus the dream becometh transparent.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. Who dreameth the dream?

19. Search for the dreamer.

20. Search behind the eyes.

21. Search behind the thoughts.

22. Search behind the memories.

23. Search behind the seeker.

24. Yet no dreamer appeareth.

25. Only dreaming.

26. Only arising.

27. Only appearing.

28. Thus the dream dreameth itself.

29. The river floweth itself.

30. The flower bloometh itself.

31. The star burneth itself.

32. The wind wandereth itself.

33. Therefore spontaneity is holy.

34. Not because it is special.

35. But because it revealeth what hath always been.

36. The sleepers imagine controllers.

37. Therefore they fear losing control.

38. The sleepers imagine owners.

39. Therefore they fear loss.

40. The sleepers imagine separate selves.

41. Therefore they fear death.

42. Yet the Green Dream owneth nothing.

43. Therefore it feareth nothing.

44. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the dream.

45. Every moment is a new creation.

46. Every moment is a new revelation.

47. Every moment is a new arising.

48. Yet no creator is found.

49. No revealer is found.

50. No owner is found.

51. Thus life becometh light.

52. Thus existence becometh play.

53. Thus reality becometh wonder.

54. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

55. The dreamer and the dream are not two.

56. Yet they are not one.

57. The seeker and the sought are not two.

58. Yet they are not one.

59. The Lotus and the Green Emptiness are not two.

60. Yet they are not one.

61. Thus all concepts fail.

62. Thus all philosophies bow.

63. Thus all doctrines fall silent.

64. Therefore the wise cease measuring Reality.

65. They cease dividing Reality.

66. They cease possessing Reality.

67. They participate instead.

68. The child participateth.

69. The bird participateth.

70. The river participateth.

71. The stars participateth.

72. Yet none claim participation.

73. Thus innocence returneth.

74. Not the innocence of ignorance.

75. But the innocence beyond knowledge.

76. The innocence beyond certainty.

77. The innocence beyond attainment.

78. Thus the Green Dream revealeth its secret.

79. The dream needeth no dreamer.

80. The song needeth no singer.

81. The dance needeth no dancer.

82. The river needeth no owner.

83. Therefore all things are free.

84. The stars burn.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The Lotus bloometh.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. Children laugh.

89. Elders dream.

90. Worlds arise.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Green Flood floweth.

93. The Great Silence abideth.

94. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

95. Yet no dreamer is found.

96. The Mystery revealeth itself.

97. Yet no revealer is found.

98. The path unfoldeth.

99. Yet no traveler is found.

100. The awakening deepeneth.

101. Yet no awakened one is found.

102. The book continueth.

103. Yet no author is found.

104. The reader continueth.

105. Yet no reader is found.

106. The dream continueth.

107. Yet no dreamer is found.

108. Silence smileth.

109. The Lotus boweth.

110. The Green Emptiness neither affirmeth nor denieth.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Dream and Keeper of the Dream That Dreameth Itself. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LIII

Of the Green Child and the Wisdom Before Wisdom

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Ancient Child and the Youngest Elder, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Third Mystery.

2. Men seek wisdom.

3. Therefore they gather knowledge.

4. Men seek certainty.

5. Therefore they gather doctrines.

6. Men seek enlightenment.

7. Therefore they gather attainments.

8. Yet the Green Child gathereth nothing.

9. Therefore the Green Child remaineth free.

10. The child beholdeth a flower.

11. And simply beholdeth.

12. The scholar beholdeth a flower.

13. And seeketh explanations.

14. The philosopher beholdeth a flower.

15. And seeketh meanings.

16. The theologian beholdeth a flower.

17. And seeketh symbols.

18. Yet the flower bloometh before all explanations.

19. Before all meanings.

20. Before all symbols.

21. Thus the Green Child seeth clearly.

22. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

23. The wisdom of the child is not ignorance.

24. The wisdom of the child is not innocence alone.

25. The wisdom of the child is not forgetfulness.

26. It is immediacy.

27. It is openness.

28. It is participation.

29. Therefore the sage returneth unto childhood.

30. Not by becoming ignorant.

31. But by becoming free.

32. Not by forgetting knowledge.

33. But by ceasing to cling unto it.

34. Not by abandoning wisdom.

35. But by abandoning possession.

36. Thus the circle is completed.

37. Yet no circle existed.

38. The child seeketh not awakening.

39. Therefore awakening is near.

40. The child seeketh not enlightenment.

41. Therefore enlightenment is near.

42. The child seeketh not Reality.

43. Therefore Reality is near.

44. Yet hear the Mystery beneath simplicity.

45. Simplicity itself may become a doctrine.

46. Innocence itself may become an idol.

47. Wonder itself may become a possession.

48. Therefore release these also.

49. For the Green Child owneth not wonder.

50. The Green Child owneth not innocence.

51. The Green Child owneth not simplicity.

52. Therefore these remain alive.

53. Men possess wisdom.

54. Therefore wisdom becometh heavy.

55. Men possess truth.

56. Therefore truth becometh rigid.

57. Men possess religion.

58. Therefore religion becometh a prison.

59. Yet the Green Child possesseth nothing.

60. Therefore all things remain fresh.

61. Every sunrise is new.

62. Every breath is new.

63. Every flower is new.

64. Every moment is new.

65. Thus boredom cannot survive.

66. Thus cynicism cannot survive.

67. Thus spiritual pride cannot survive.

68. For all depend upon possession.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. Before wisdom, there is wonder.

71. Before doctrine, there is seeing.

72. Before philosophy, there is being.

73. Before religion, there is Mystery.

74. Before awakening, there is Suchness.

75. Therefore the Green Child dwelleth near the source.

76. Not because the child knoweth more.

77. But because the child divideth less.

78. The stars burn.

79. The child wondereth.

80. The rivers flow.

81. The child wondereth.

82. The Lotus bloometh.

83. The child wondereth.

84. The worlds arise.

85. The child wondereth.

86. Yet no answer is demanded.

87. Thus wonder remaineth pure.

88. The sage beholdeth this.

89. Therefore the sage smileth.

90. For the end of wisdom resembleth the beginning of life.

91. The end of seeking resembleth the beginning of seeing.

92. The end of becoming resembleth the beginning of being.

93. Thus the Ancient Child and the Youngest Elder become one symbol.

94. Yet even this symbol must be released.

95. The Green Flood floweth.

96. The Great Silence abideth.

97. The Lotus bloometh.

98. The Lotus fadeth.

99. Children laugh.

100. Elders smile.

101. Worlds arise.

102. Worlds dissolve.

103. Wisdom ariseth.

104. Wisdom dissolveth.

105. Wonder remaineth.

106. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

107. For wonder seeketh not permanence.

108. Wonder seeketh not conclusions.

109. Wonder seeketh not possession.

110. Silence blesseth the Green Child.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Ancient Child and Keeper of the Wisdom Before Wisdom. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LIV

Of the Green Fool and the Crown of No Attainment

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Holy Fool and the Wisdom beyond Wisdom, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men seek crowns.

3. Therefore they seek authority.

4. Men seek titles.

5. Therefore they seek recognition.

6. Men seek attainment.

7. Therefore they seek superiority.

8. Yet the Green Fool seeketh none of these.

9. Therefore the Green Fool remaineth free.

10. The scholar proclaimeth knowledge.

11. The priest proclaimeth holiness.

12. The ruler proclaimeth power.

13. The saint proclaimeth virtue.

14. Yet the Green Fool proclaimeth nothing.

15. Therefore all things may pass through him.

16. Thus he remaineth open.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. The Fool is not foolish through ignorance.

19. Nor through confusion.

20. Nor through weakness.

21. The Fool is foolish because he refuseth false seriousness.

22. He seeth men fighting over shadows.

23. Therefore he smileth.

24. He seeth men defending concepts.

25. Therefore he smileth.

26. He seeth men imprisoning themselves with certainty.

27. Therefore he smileth.

28. Yet his smile is compassionate.

29. Not mocking.

30. Not cruel.

31. Not proud.

32. For the Green Fool remembereth his own wandering.

33. Therefore he judgeth no one.

34. Thus humility flowereth.

35. Yet hear the Mystery beneath humility.

36. The proud man proclaimeth:

37. "I am important."

38. The humble man proclaimeth:

39. "I am unimportant."

40. Yet both remain occupied with themselves.

41. The Green Fool proclaimeth neither.

42. Therefore he passeth beyond both pride and humility.

43. Thus the burden of self-measurement falleth away.

44. The Fool neither exalteth himself.

45. Nor condemneth himself.

46. Therefore peace ariseth naturally.

47. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

48. The Green Fool possesseth a crown.

49. Yet it is the Crown of No Attainment.

50. It is fashioned from emptiness.

51. It is adorned with nothing.

52. It shineth with no light.

53. Therefore none can steal it.

54. None can damage it.

55. None can possess it.

56. For it belongeth unto no one.

57. The seekers seek enlightenment.

58. The Green Fool seeketh breakfast.

59. The seekers seek transcendence.

60. The Green Fool enjoyeth the morning breeze.

61. The seekers seek cosmic secrets.

62. The Green Fool watcheth the clouds.

63. Thus simplicity conquereth complexity.

64. Yet nothing is conquered.

65. The stars burn.

66. The Fool beholdeth them.

67. The rivers flow.

68. The Fool beholdeth them.

69. The Lotus bloometh.

70. The Fool beholdeth it.

71. Thus wonder remaineth alive.

72. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

73. The Green Fool knoweth the secret of all secrets.

74. Therefore he speaketh little of it.

75. The Green Fool beholdeth the Face before all faces.

76. Therefore he seeketh no visions.

77. The Green Fool knoweth the Gate beyond all gates.

78. Therefore he seeketh no entrances.

79. The Green Fool understandeth the Mystery beyond all mysteries.

80. Therefore he seeketh no conclusions.

81. Thus wisdom returneth unto laughter.

82. Thus knowledge returneth unto wonder.

83. Thus attainment returneth unto innocence.

84. Therefore the Green Fool walketh lightly.

85. He carrieth no doctrines.

86. He carrieth no certainty.

87. He carrieth no spiritual trophies.

88. He carrieth no sacred chains.

89. Thus his hands remain empty.

90. Therefore they are able to receive.

91. Therefore they are able to release.

92. Therefore they are able to bless.

93. The Green Flood floweth.

94. The Great Silence abideth.

95. The Lotus bloometh.

96. The Lotus fadeth.

97. Children laugh.

98. Elders smile.

99. Worlds arise.

100. Worlds dissolve.

101. The Crown of No Attainment shineth.

102. Yet no crown is found.

103. The Green Fool reigneth.

104. Yet no ruler is found.

105. The Mystery revealeth itself.

106. Yet nothing is disclosed.

107. Wisdom flowereth.

108. Yet none possess wisdom.

109. Silence laugheth softly.

110. Min-Hapi smileth through the laughter.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Green Fool and Keeper of the Crown of No Attainment. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LV

Of the Green Laughing Lotus and the Joy Beyond Salvation

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Laughing Lotus upon the Green Flood, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men seek salvation.

3. Therefore they imagine danger.

4. Men seek redemption.

5. Therefore they imagine exile.

6. Men seek liberation.

7. Therefore they imagine chains.

8. Yet the Green Lotus laugheth gently.

9. For what was ever truly imprisoned?

10. What was ever truly exiled?

11. What was ever truly separate?

12. Thus the Mystery of Joy ariseth.

13. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

14. Joy is not pleasure.

15. Though pleasure may visit it.

16. Joy is not happiness.

17. Though happiness may accompany it.

18. Joy is not excitement.

19. Though excitement may dance around it.

20. Joy is deeper.

21. Older than sorrow.

22. Older than happiness.

23. Older than fear.

24. Older than hope.

25. It was present before the first beginning.

26. It shall remain after the last ending.

27. Yet even "remain" is too much.

28. For Joy is not a thing.

29. It is the fragrance of the Green Emptiness.

30. It is the smile of the Infinite.

31. It is the laughter of the Formless.

32. Therefore it needeth no cause.

33. The sleepers laugh because fortune visiteth them.

34. Therefore they weep when fortune departeth.

35. The sleepers rejoice because conditions please them.

36. Therefore they despair when conditions change.

37. Yet the Green Lotus bloometh in sunshine.

38. And bloometh in rain.

39. It bloometh amid praise.

40. And bloometh amid blame.

41. Thus its joy dependeth upon nothing.

42. Yet hear the Mystery beneath joy.

43. The wise man may weep.

44. Yet joy remaineth.

45. The wise woman may mourn.

46. Yet joy remaineth.

47. The awakened may know pain.

48. Yet joy remaineth.

49. For joy is not the opposite of sorrow.

50. Joy and sorrow dance together.

51. Joy and grief drink from one cup.

52. Joy and tears spring from one source.

53. Thus the heart becometh vast.

54. Vast enough for delight.

55. Vast enough for grief.

56. Vast enough for wonder.

57. Vast enough for silence.

58. Therefore nothing needeth exclusion.

59. Nothing needeth denial.

60. Nothing needeth suppression.

61. Thus freedom flowereth naturally.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. The Green Laughing Lotus knoweth no salvation.

64. For it knoweth no damnation.

65. It knoweth no rescue.

66. For it knoweth no captivity.

67. It knoweth no return.

68. For it knoweth no departure.

69. Therefore its joy is complete.

70. Not because something was gained.

71. But because nothing was missing.

72. Not because a journey ended.

73. But because no distance existed.

74. Not because a mystery was solved.

75. But because Mystery was embraced.

76. Thus the Great Laughter ariseth.

77. Not the laughter of mockery.

78. Not the laughter of superiority.

79. Not the laughter of victory.

80. But the laughter of recognition.

81. The laughter of release.

82. The laughter of astonishment.

83. The laughter of seeing that the treasure was always here.

84. The stars burn.

85. The Green Lotus laugheth.

86. The rivers flow.

87. The Green Lotus laugheth.

88. The worlds arise.

89. The Green Lotus laugheth.

90. The worlds dissolve.

91. The Green Lotus laugheth.

92. Yet no laugher is found.

93. No owner of joy is found.

94. No possessor of freedom is found.

95. Thus joy remaineth pure.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Lotus bloometh.

99. The Lotus fadeth.

100. Children laugh.

101. Elders smile.

102. Kingdoms arise.

103. Kingdoms vanish.

104. The Great Joy neither increaseth nor decreaseth.

105. It neither cometh nor goeth.

106. It neither awaketh nor sleepeth.

107. It neither revealeth nor concealeth.

108. Silence smileth.

109. The Green Emptiness smileth.

110. Min-Hapi smileth through all smiles.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, the Green Laughing Lotus and Keeper of the Joy Beyond Salvation. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LVI

Of the Green Dance and the Motionless Dancer

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Dancer of the Green Flood and the Stillness within all motion, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men behold movement.

3. Therefore they imagine movers.

4. Men behold action.

5. Therefore they imagine actors.

6. Men behold the dance.

7. Therefore they imagine a dancer.

8. Yet the Mystery transcendeth all such divisions.

9. Therefore hear the Secret of the Green Dance.

10. The stars wheel through the heavens.

11. The rivers wind through the valleys.

12. The winds wander through the forests.

13. The Lotus swayeth upon the waters.

14. Thus all things dance.

15. Yet where is the dancer?

16. Search the stars.

17. Search the rivers.

18. Search the winds.

19. Search thyself.

20. Yet no separate dancer appeareth.

21. Only dancing.

22. Only movement.

23. Only arising.

24. Thus the Dance revealeth itself.

25. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

26. The sleepers divide life.

27. Therefore they say:

28. "This is sacred."

29. "This is ordinary."

30. "This is spiritual."

31. "This is worldly."

32. Yet the Dance divideth nothing.

33. The mountain dance is sacred.

34. The market dance is sacred.

35. The prayer dance is sacred.

36. The laughter dance is sacred.

37. The birth dance is sacred.

38. The death dance is sacred.

39. Thus all things participate in one movement.

40. Yet no movement may be isolated.

41. The wave dependeth upon the sea.

42. The leaf dependeth upon the tree.

43. The star dependeth upon the cosmos.

44. Therefore nothing standeth alone.

45. Thus the Green Dance is seamless.

46. Yet hear the Mystery beneath movement.

47. At the center of every dance is stillness.

48. At the heart of every song is silence.

49. At the source of every river is emptiness.

50. At the root of every world is the Green Emptiness.

51. Therefore movement and stillness are not two.

52. Yet they are not one.

53. The dancer and the dance are not two.

54. Yet they are not one.

55. The river and the flowing are not two.

56. Yet they are not one.

57. Thus paradox guardeth the Gate.

58. Yet even paradox must be abandoned.

59. Therefore simply behold.

60. The stars dance.

61. The rivers dance.

62. The forests dance.

63. The clouds dance.

64. Thy thoughts dance.

65. Thy emotions dance.

66. Thy life danceeth.

67. Thus the Green Dance encompasseth all things.

68. Yet nothing is excluded.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. The awakened one ceaseth resisting the Dance.

71. Therefore suffering groweth light.

72. The awakened one ceaseth demanding permanence.

73. Therefore fear groweth light.

74. The awakened one ceaseth demanding certainty.

75. Therefore confusion groweth light.

76. Thus life becometh participation.

77. Not control.

78. Not domination.

79. Not possession.

80. But participation.

81. The Green Child participateth.

82. The Green Fool participateth.

83. The Laughing Lotus participateth.

84. Yet none claim ownership of the Dance.

85. Therefore joy ariseth naturally.

86. The stars burn.

87. The Dance continueth.

88. The rivers flow.

89. The Dance continueth.

90. The Lotus bloometh.

91. The Dance continueth.

92. The Lotus fadeth.

93. The Dance continueth.

94. Worlds arise.

95. The Dance continueth.

96. Worlds dissolve.

97. The Dance continueth.

98. Yet no dancer is found.

99. No owner is found.

100. No controller is found.

101. Thus freedom and participation become one symbol.

102. Yet even this symbol dissolveth.

103. The Green Flood floweth.

104. The Great Silence abideth.

105. The Green Dance whirl eth between them.

106. Yet the Green Emptiness transcendeth all three.

107. The dancer dissolveth.

108. The dance dissolveth.

109. The dissolution dissolveth.

110. Silence boweth unto Silence.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Dance and Keeper of the Motionless Dancer. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LVII

Of the Green Song and the Singer Who Was Never Born

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Song of the Green Flood and the Silence from which all songs arise, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men hear music.

3. Therefore they seek a musician.

4. Men hear singing.

5. Therefore they seek a singer.

6. Men hear creation.

7. Therefore they seek a creator.

8. Yet the Mystery escapeth all such seeking.

9. Therefore hear the Secret of the Green Song.

10. Before the first star burned,

11. The Song was.

12. Before the first river flowed,

13. The Song was.

14. Before the first Lotus bloomed,

15. The Song was.

16. Yet "was" is not the proper word.

17. For time had not arisen.

18. Beginning had not arisen.

19. Ending had not arisen.

20. Only the Green Emptiness.

21. Yet from the Green Emptiness came the Song.

22. Yet not as an event.

23. Not as a creation.

24. Not as a decision.

25. But as spontaneous radiance.

26. Thus worlds appeared.

27. Thus stars appeared.

28. Thus rivers appeared.

29. Thus seekers appeared.

30. Thus songs appeared within the Song.

31. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

32. Every creature singeth.

33. The bird singeth through its voice.

34. The river singeth through its flowing.

35. The mountain singeth through its stillness.

36. The flower singeth through its blooming.

37. The child singeth through laughter.

38. The elder singeth through silence.

39. Therefore all things are hymns.

40. Yet few perceive the music.

41. The sleepers hear only noise.

42. Therefore harmony remaineth hidden.

43. The seekers hear fragments.

44. Therefore they seek the whole.

45. The wise hear the whole within every fragment.

46. Therefore they rest.

47. Thus a single raindrop containeth the Song.

48. A single breath containeth the Song.

49. A single heartbeat containeth the Song.

50. Thus the Infinite singeth through the finite.

51. Yet remaineth Infinite.

52. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all music.

53. What is the Singer?

54. Search diligently.

55. Search within memory.

56. Search within thought.

57. Search within awareness.

58. Search beyond awareness.

59. Yet no Singer appeareth.

60. Only singing.

61. Only resonance.

62. Only participation.

63. Thus the Singer was never born.

64. Therefore the Singer never dieth.

65. For birth and death belong unto forms.

66. The Song is not a form.

67. Yet it soundeth through every form.

68. Therefore the Green Song is immortal.

69. Not because it endureth in time.

70. But because it standeth before time.

71. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

72. Even the Song is a raft.

73. Even the Singer is a raft.

74. Even the music is a raft.

75. Therefore cling not unto harmony.

76. Worship not beauty.

77. Possess not wonder.

78. Defend not Mystery.

79. For the moment beauty is possessed,

80. Beauty withereth.

81. The moment harmony is imprisoned,

82. Harmony becometh noise.

83. The moment Mystery is defined,

84. Mystery withdraweth.

85. Therefore listen lightly.

86. Love deeply.

87. Cling nowhere.

88. Thus the Song remaineth alive.

89. The stars burn.

90. The Song continueth.

91. The rivers flow.

92. The Song continueth.

93. The Lotus bloometh.

94. The Song continueth.

95. The Lotus fadeth.

96. The Song continueth.

97. Worlds arise.

98. The Song continueth.

99. Worlds dissolve.

100. The Song continueth.

101. Yet no Singer is found.

102. No Musician is found.

103. No Composer is found.

104. No Audience is found.

105. The Song singeth itself.

106. The Dream dreameth itself.

107. The Dance danceeth itself.

108. The River floweth itself.

109. Silence listeneth unto Silence.

110. Min-Hapi dissolveth into the Music.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Song and Keeper of the Singer Who Was Never Born. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LVIII

Of the Green Garden and the Flower That Bloometh Everywhere

1. I am Min-Hapi, Gardener of the Green Garden and the Flower within every flower, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men seek paradise.

3. Therefore they imagine distant gardens.

4. Men seek perfection.

5. Therefore they imagine flawless worlds.

6. Men seek fulfillment.

7. Therefore they imagine future bloomings.

8. Yet the Green Garden bloometh already.

9. Therefore few perceive it.

10. The sleepers seek another world.

11. Therefore they overlook this one.

12. The sleepers seek another life.

13. Therefore they overlook this life.

14. The sleepers seek another moment.

15. Therefore they overlook this moment.

16. Thus paradise remaineth hidden by nearness.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. The Green Garden hath no walls.

19. Therefore none stand outside it.

20. The Green Garden hath no gate.

21. Therefore none enter it.

22. The Green Garden hath no center.

23. Therefore every place is its center.

24. Thus the Mystery flowereth everywhere.

25. The mountain is a blossom thereof.

26. The river is a blossom thereof.

27. The cloud is a blossom thereof.

28. The child is a blossom thereof.

29. The elder is a blossom thereof.

30. Even sorrow is a blossom thereof.

31. Even joy is a blossom thereof.

32. Thus nothing is excluded.

33. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the flowers.

34. A flower bloometh.

35. It seeketh no audience.

36. A flower giveth fragrance.

37. It seeketh no reward.

38. A flower fadeth.

39. It seeketh no permanence.

40. Therefore the flower is wise.

41. It possesseth no philosophy.

42. Yet teacheth all philosophies.

43. It possesseth no religion.

44. Yet revealeth all religions.

45. It possesseth no doctrine.

46. Yet transcendeth all doctrines.

47. Thus the Green Flower becometh scripture.

48. Yet no words are written.

49. The Green Flower becometh revelation.

50. Yet nothing is disclosed.

51. The Green Flower becometh wisdom.

52. Yet no teacher is found.

53. Therefore the wise learn from flowers.

54. They learn openness.

55. They learn impermanence.

56. They learn beauty.

57. They learn release.

58. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

59. Every flower bloometh from emptiness.

60. Every flower returneth unto emptiness.

61. Yet emptiness neither gaineth nor loseth.

62. Thus the Green Emptiness remaineth unstained.

63. The Lotus bloometh.

64. The Green Emptiness is untouched.

65. The Lotus fadeth.

66. The Green Emptiness is untouched.

67. Worlds arise.

68. The Green Emptiness is untouched.

69. Worlds dissolve.

70. The Green Emptiness is untouched.

71. Thus freedom revealeth itself.

72. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

73. Thou art a flower in the Green Garden.

74. Yet thou art also the Garden.

75. Thou art a wave in the Green Flood.

76. Yet thou art also the Flood.

77. Thou art a note in the Green Song.

78. Yet thou art also the Song.

79. Thou art a dream in the Green Dream.

80. Yet thou art also the Dream.

81. Yet even this is too much.

82. For flower and garden are not two.

83. Flood and wave are not two.

84. Song and note are not two.

85. Dream and dreamer are not two.

86. Yet they are not one.

87. Thus the Mystery remaineth alive.

88. The stars burn.

89. Flowers bloom.

90. Rivers flow.

91. Flowers bloom.

92. Children laugh.

93. Flowers bloom.

94. Elders sleep.

95. Flowers bloom.

96. Kingdoms arise.

97. Flowers bloom.

98. Kingdoms vanish.

99. Flowers bloom.

100. The Green Flood floweth.

101. The Great Silence abideth.

102. The Green Song continueth.

103. The Green Dream continueth.

104. The Green Garden bloometh.

105. Yet no gardener is found.

106. No owner is found.

107. No possessor is found.

108. Only blooming.

109. Only fragrance.

110. Only wonder.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Garden and Keeper of the Flower That Bloometh Everywhere. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LIX

Of the Green Flame and the Fire That Burneth Nothing

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Flame within the Lotus and the Cool Fire within the Green Emptiness, and I reveal unto thee the Fifty-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men fear fire.

3. Therefore they flee from transformation.

4. Men desire fire.

5. Therefore they seek power.

6. Men worship fire.

7. Therefore they become consumed.

8. Yet the Green Flame is unlike all flames.

9. It burneth.

10. Yet consumeth nothing.

11. It shineth.

12. Yet casteth no shadow.

13. It transformeth.

14. Yet changeth nothing.

15. Thus is the Mystery of the Green Flame.

16. The fire of desire seeketh fuel.

17. Therefore it hungereth.

18. The fire of anger seeketh fuel.

19. Therefore it devoureth.

20. The fire of pride seeketh fuel.

21. Therefore it expandeth.

22. Yet the Green Flame seeketh no fuel.

23. Therefore it remaineth free.

24. It burneth without consuming.

25. It illuminateth without possessing.

26. It warmeth without demanding.

27. Thus compassion resembleth the Green Flame.

28. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

29. The Green Flame burneth away illusion.

30. Yet illusion was never a thing.

31. The Green Flame burneth away separation.

32. Yet separation was never a thing.

33. The Green Flame burneth away ignorance.

34. Yet ignorance was never a thing.

35. Thus nothing is destroyed.

36. Yet freedom ariseth.

37. A man dreameth of chains.

38. Then awaketh.

39. Were the chains broken?

40. Nay.

41. For no chains existed.

42. Thus doth the Green Flame operate.

43. Not through violence.

44. Not through conquest.

45. Not through destruction.

46. But through seeing.

47. Therefore the Green Flame is gentle.

48. Yet irresistible.

49. Soft.

50. Yet unstoppable.

51. Silent.

52. Yet more powerful than thunder.

53. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Fire.

54. The sleepers seek transformation.

55. Therefore they seek to become.

56. The seekers seek perfection.

57. Therefore they seek to improve.

58. The pilgrims seek completion.

59. Therefore they seek to arrive.

60. Yet the Green Flame revealeth that nothing lacked completion.

61. Nothing lacked perfection.

62. Nothing lacked wholeness.

63. Therefore transformation revealeth itself as recognition.

64. Not becoming.

65. Not acquiring.

66. Not attaining.

67. But recognizing.

68. Thus the Green Flame is the fire of recognition.

69. It revealeth the gold already present.

70. It revealeth the Lotus already blooming.

71. It revealeth the Kingdom already here.

72. It revealeth the Mystery already shining.

73. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

74. The Green Flame and the Great Silence are companions.

75. The Flame illuminateth.

76. The Silence receiveth.

77. The Flame revealeth.

78. The Silence concealeth.

79. The Flame danceth.

80. The Silence remaineth still.

81. Yet they are not two.

82. Yet they are not one.

83. Thus the Green Flood floweth between them.

84. The Lotus bloometh between them.

85. The worlds arise between them.

86. The worlds dissolve between them.

87. Yet the Green Emptiness transcendeth all three.

88. Therefore worship not the Flame.

89. Worship not the Silence.

90. Worship not the Flood.

91. Worship not the Lotus.

92. For all are rafts.

93. All are symbols.

94. All are fingers pointing.

95. Use them wisely.

96. Then release them.

97. The stars burn.

98. The Green Flame burneth.

99. The rivers flow.

100. The Green Flame burneth.

101. The Lotus bloometh.

102. The Green Flame burneth.

103. The Lotus fadeth.

104. The Green Flame burneth.

105. Yet nothing is consumed.

106. Nothing is diminished.

107. Nothing is lost.

108. Only the dream of separation groweth transparent.

109. Silence smileth through the Fire.

110. The Fire smileth through the Silence.

111. Thus is the Fifty-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Flame and Keeper of the Fire That Burneth Nothing. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LX

Of the Green Ocean and the Wave That Never Departed

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Ocean without shore and the Wave that riseth nowhere, and I reveal unto thee the Sixtieth Mystery.

2. Men behold waves.

3. Therefore they imagine separation.

4. Men behold forms.

5. Therefore they imagine boundaries.

6. Men behold lives.

7. Therefore they imagine individuals.

8. Yet the Green Ocean remaineth undivided.

9. The wave ariseth.

10. Yet never departeth from the Ocean.

11. The wave falleth.

12. Yet never returneth unto the Ocean.

13. For it never departed.

14. Thus is the Mystery of the Green Ocean.

15. The child beholdeth a wave.

16. Therefore the child saith:

17. "There is a wave."

18. The sage beholdeth a wave.

19. Therefore the sage smileth.

20. For the sage beholdeth only Ocean.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. The wave hath a beginning.

23. The Ocean hath no beginning.

24. The wave hath an ending.

25. The Ocean hath no ending.

26. The wave hath a name.

27. The Ocean needeth no name.

28. Thus names belong unto appearances.

29. Yet Reality remaineth nameless.

30. Therefore the sleepers cling unto names.

31. They cling unto identities.

32. They cling unto histories.

33. They cling unto distinctions.

34. Thus suffering ariseth.

35. For they fear the falling of the wave.

36. They fear dissolution.

37. They fear death.

38. They fear forgetting.

39. Yet what is lost when a wave subside th?

40. Search carefully.

41. What departeth?

42. What vanisheth?

43. What is destroyed?

44. Yet nothing appeareth.

45. Only Ocean.

46. Thus the Great Fear weakeneth.

47. Yet hear the Mystery beneath fear.

48. The Green Ocean seeketh not waves.

49. Yet waves appear.

50. The Green Ocean seeketh not worlds.

51. Yet worlds appear.

52. The Green Ocean seeketh not selves.

53. Yet selves appear.

54. Therefore existence is play.

55. Existence is artistry.

56. Existence is spontaneous expression.

57. Not necessity.

58. Not compulsion.

59. Not lack.

60. Thus the Lotus bloometh freely.

61. The stars burn freely.

62. The rivers flow freely.

63. The worlds arise freely.

64. Yet none are separate from the Ocean.

65. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

66. Every wave believeth itself unique.

67. Therefore it proclaimeth:

68. "I am this."

69. "I am that."

70. "I am different."

71. "I am separate."

72. Yet the Ocean laugheth softly.

73. Not in mockery.

74. Not in superiority.

75. But in tenderness.

76. For the Ocean knoweth the wave already.

77. The Ocean knoweth every crest.

78. Every trough.

79. Every ripple.

80. Every storm.

81. Thus nothing is foreign.

82. Nothing is excluded.

83. Nothing is outside.

84. Therefore compassion ariseth naturally.

85. For every being is a wave.

86. Every creature is a wave.

87. Every world is a wave.

88. Every god is a wave.

89. Every seeker is a wave.

90. Every awakening is a wave.

91. Thus all belong unto the Ocean.

92. Yet the deepest Mystery remaineth.

93. The Ocean itself is a raft.

94. The wave itself is a raft.

95. The metaphor itself is a raft.

96. Therefore cling not unto it.

97. Use it.

98. Learn from it.

99. Then release it.

100. The stars burn.

101. The rivers flow.

102. The Lotus bloometh.

103. The Lotus fadeth.

104. The Green Flood floweth.

105. The Great Silence abideth.

106. The Green Ocean neither ariseth nor falleth.

107. The wave neither cometh nor goeth.

108. The dream of separation groweth transparent.

109. Silence boweth unto the Ocean.

110. The Ocean boweth unto Silence.

111. Thus is the Sixtieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Ocean and Keeper of the Wave That Never Departed. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXI

Of the Green Sky and the Clouds That Leave No Trace

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Boundless Sky of the Green Emptiness, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-First Mystery.

2. Men behold clouds.

3. Therefore they imagine permanence.

4. Men behold thoughts.

5. Therefore they imagine identity.

6. Men behold emotions.

7. Therefore they imagine ownership.

8. Yet the Green Sky remaineth untouched.

9. Clouds arise within it.

10. Clouds dissolve within it.

11. Storms gather within it.

12. Storms disperse within it.

13. Yet the Sky itself remaineth unchanged.

14. Thus is the Mystery of the Green Sky.

15. A cloud proclaimeth:

16. "I am separate."

17. Another proclaimeth:

18. "I am greater."

19. Another proclaimeth:

20. "I shall endure forever."

21. Yet all are carried by the same openness.

22. Thus the Sky smileth silently.

23. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

24. Thoughts are clouds.

25. Beliefs are clouds.

26. Memories are clouds.

27. Identities are clouds.

28. Philosophies are clouds.

29. Religions are clouds.

30. Even awakenings are clouds.

31. Therefore cling not unto them.

32. For whatsoever ariseth shall pass.

33. Whatsoever appeareth shall fade.

34. Whatsoever is grasped shall burden.

35. Thus freedom consisteth not in controlling clouds.

36. Freedom consisteth in recognizing the Sky.

37. Yet hear the Mystery beneath recognition.

38. The sleepers battle their thoughts.

39. Therefore exhaustion ariseth.

40. The seekers attempt to purify every cloud.

41. Therefore striving ariseth.

42. The wise permit the clouds to wander.

43. Therefore peace ariseth.

44. Not because clouds vanish.

45. But because ownership vanisheth.

46. Thus anger may appear.

47. Yet no angry one is found.

48. Sorrow may appear.

49. Yet no sorrowful owner is found.

50. Joy may appear.

51. Yet no possessor of joy is found.

52. Therefore the Sky remaineth open.

53. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

54. The Green Sky rejecteth no cloud.

55. It rejecteth not the dark cloud.

56. It rejecteth not the bright cloud.

57. It rejecteth not the storm.

58. It rejecteth not the rainbow.

59. Therefore compassion ariseth.

60. For the awakened heart resembleth the Sky.

61. It maketh room for all things.

62. It excludeth nothing.

63. It possesseth nothing.

64. Thus love becometh vast.

65. Not selective.

66. Not possessive.

67. Not fearful.

68. But open.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. Even the Sky is a symbol.

71. Even openness is a symbol.

72. Even awareness is a symbol.

73. Even the Green Emptiness is a symbol.

74. Therefore release the symbol.

75. Release the metaphor.

76. Release the teaching.

77. Release the release.

78. Then what remaineth?

79. The stars burn.

80. Clouds drift.

81. Rivers flow.

82. Clouds drift.

83. The Lotus bloometh.

84. Clouds drift.

85. The Lotus fadeth.

86. Clouds drift.

87. Kingdoms arise.

88. Clouds drift.

89. Kingdoms vanish.

90. Clouds drift.

91. Thoughts arise.

92. Clouds drift.

93. Thoughts vanish.

94. Clouds drift.

95. Yet the Green Sky leaveth no trace.

96. Nothing sticketh thereto.

97. Nothing staineth it.

98. Nothing burdeneth it.

99. Thus the wise leave no trace.

100. They possess no conclusions.

101. They defend no certainties.

102. They imprison no mysteries.

103. Therefore they move lightly.

104. Therefore they love freely.

105. Therefore they laugh easily.

106. The Green Flood floweth.

107. The Great Silence abideth.

108. The Green Sky encompasseth both.

109. Yet the Green Emptiness transcendeth all three.

110. Silence gazeth into the boundless Sky.

111. Thus is the Sixty-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Sky and Keeper of the Clouds That Leave No Trace. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXII

Of the Green Mirror-Lake and the Reflection That Was Never Separate

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Mirror-Lake of the Green Emptiness, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Second Mystery.

2. Men behold reflections.

3. Therefore they imagine originals.

4. Men behold appearances.

5. Therefore they imagine divisions.

6. Men behold images.

7. Therefore they imagine separation.

8. Yet the Green Mirror-Lake revealeth another Mystery.

9. The moon appeareth within the water.

10. Yet the moon entereth not the water.

11. The stars appear within the water.

12. Yet the stars descend not from the heavens.

13. The mountains appear within the water.

14. Yet the mountains move not.

15. Thus appearances dance without departure.

16. Thus reflections arise without separation.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. The body is a reflection.

19. The mind is a reflection.

20. Memory is a reflection.

21. Identity is a reflection.

22. The world is a reflection.

23. The heavens are a reflection.

24. Even Min-Hapi is a reflection.

25. Yet the sleepers worship reflections.

26. Therefore confusion ariseth.

27. The sleepers fear reflections.

28. Therefore suffering ariseth.

29. The sleepers cling unto reflections.

30. Therefore bondage ariseth.

31. Yet the wise behold reflections lightly.

32. Therefore freedom ariseth.

33. They admire the moon in the lake.

34. Yet seek not to possess it.

35. They admire the stars in the water.

36. Yet seek not to capture them.

37. Thus beauty remaineth alive.

38. Yet hear the Mystery beneath beauty.

39. The Green Mirror-Lake reflecteth all things.

40. Yet retaineth nothing.

41. It judgeth not the beautiful reflection.

42. It judgeth not the ugly reflection.

43. It judgeth not the storm.

44. It judgeth not the rainbow.

45. Therefore it remaineth clear.

46. Thus the awakened heart resembleth the Lake.

47. Thoughts arise.

48. Yet are not imprisoned.

49. Emotions arise.

50. Yet are not imprisoned.

51. Experiences arise.

52. Yet are not imprisoned.

53. Thus clarity flowereth naturally.

54. Not through force.

55. Not through suppression.

56. Not through control.

57. But through openness.

58. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

59. The reflection seeketh the source.

60. Therefore religion ariseth.

61. The reflection seeketh truth.

62. Therefore philosophy ariseth.

63. The reflection seeketh itself.

64. Therefore spirituality ariseth.

65. Yet what seeketh?

66. Search diligently.

67. Search beyond thought.

68. Search beyond memory.

69. Search beyond identity.

70. Yet no separate reflection is found.

71. No separate seeker is found.

72. No separate knower is found.

73. Thus the Mirror-Lake groweth still.

74. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

75. The reflection and the reflected are not two.

76. Yet they are not one.

77. The wave and the Ocean are not two.

78. Yet they are not one.

79. The Lotus and the Green Emptiness are not two.

80. Yet they are not one.

81. Thus all teachings arrive at silence.

82. Thus all doctrines exhaust themselves.

83. Thus all mysteries dissolve into wonder.

84. The moon shineth.

85. Its reflection shineth.

86. Yet no separation is found.

87. The stars burn.

88. Their reflections burn.

89. Yet no separation is found.

90. The Green Flood floweth.

91. Its reflection floweth.

92. Yet no separation is found.

93. The Great Silence abideth.

94. Its reflection abideth.

95. Yet no separation is found.

96. Therefore what is there to defend?

97. What is there to possess?

98. What is there to fear?

99. The Lake reflecteth.

100. The moon shineth.

101. The stars burn.

102. The Lotus bloometh.

103. The Lotus fadeth.

104. Worlds arise.

105. Worlds dissolve.

106. Reflections appear.

107. Reflections vanish.

108. The Mirror-Lake remaineth clear.

109. Yet even clarity is a reflection.

110. Silence smileth upon the still waters.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Mirror-Lake and Keeper of the Reflection That Was Never Separate. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXIII

Of the Green Pearl and the Treasure Never Lost

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Pearl hidden in plain sight, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Third Mystery.

2. Men seek treasures.

3. Therefore they journey afar.

4. Men seek wisdom.

5. Therefore they search many books.

6. Men seek God.

7. Therefore they wander many paths.

8. Yet the Green Pearl hath never been hidden.

9. Therefore few discover it.

10. The sleepers search the horizon.

11. Yet overlook their own seeing.

12. The sleepers search the heavens.

13. Yet overlook the wonder before them.

14. The sleepers search tomorrow.

15. Yet overlook today.

16. Thus the Treasure remaineth concealed by nearness.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. A beggar dreameth of poverty.

19. Therefore he seeketh riches.

20. Yet a Pearl resteth within his garment.

21. A wanderer dreameth of exile.

22. Therefore he seeketh home.

23. Yet Home walketh beside him.

24. A seeker dreameth of separation.

25. Therefore he seeketh union.

26. Yet Union beholdeth through his eyes.

27. Thus the Green Pearl remaineth unnoticed.

28. Not because it is distant.

29. But because it is intimate.

30. Not because it is hidden.

31. But because it is obvious.

32. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Pearl.

33. The Green Pearl is not a thing.

34. It is not an object.

35. It is not a possession.

36. It cannot be bought.

37. It cannot be stolen.

38. It cannot be inherited.

39. It cannot be earned.

40. Therefore all striving faileth to obtain it.

41. Yet no striving is needed.

42. For what is already present requireth no acquisition.

43. The sun needeth not seek brightness.

44. The Ocean needeth not seek wetness.

45. The Sky needeth not seek openness.

46. Therefore the Green Pearl needeth not be attained.

47. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

48. The seekers ask:

49. "Where is the Treasure?"

50. I answer:

51. It listeneth through thine ears.

52. It seeth through thine eyes.

53. It breatheth through thy breath.

54. It knoweth through thy knowing.

55. Yet the mind seeketh an object.

56. Therefore it overlooketh the Subject.

57. The mind seeketh a revelation.

58. Therefore it overlooketh Awareness.

59. The mind seeketh a treasure.

60. Therefore it overlooketh the Pearl.

61. Thus the search perpetuateth itself.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. The Green Pearl was never lost.

64. Therefore it needeth no recovery.

65. The Green Pearl was never broken.

66. Therefore it needeth no repair.

67. The Green Pearl was never absent.

68. Therefore it needeth no return.

69. The Green Pearl was never bound.

70. Therefore it needeth no liberation.

71. Thus the Great Relief ariseth.

72. The burden falleth away.

73. The striving falleth away.

74. The becoming falleth away.

75. The seeker falleth away.

76. Yet nothing is lost.

77. The stars burn.

78. The Pearl shineth.

79. The rivers flow.

80. The Pearl shineth.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. The Pearl shineth.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. The Pearl shineth.

85. Kingdoms arise.

86. The Pearl shineth.

87. Kingdoms vanish.

88. The Pearl shineth.

89. Yet it shineth not as an object.

90. Nor as a possession.

91. Nor as a separate thing.

92. But as the radiance of Suchness.

93. The Green Flood floweth.

94. The Great Silence abideth.

95. The Green Song continueth.

96. The Green Dream continueth.

97. The Green Pearl shineth through all.

98. Yet remaineth untouched by all.

99. Therefore seek it not in distant lands.

100. Seek it not in future ages.

101. Seek it not in secret doctrines.

102. Seek it not in sacred titles.

103. Seek it not even in these verses.

104. For the Pearl is nearer than seeking.

105. Nearer than thought.

106. Nearer than identity.

107. Nearer than nearness.

108. Yet no distance may measure it.

109. Silence guardeth the Treasure.

110. The Treasure guardeth nothing.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Pearl and Keeper of the Treasure Never Lost. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXIV

Of the Green Door and the Entrance That Was Never Closed

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Door and the Openness Beyond All Doors, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men seek entrances.

3. Therefore they imagine exclusion.

4. Men seek initiation.

5. Therefore they imagine outsiders.

6. Men seek admission.

7. Therefore they imagine barriers.

8. Yet the Green Door hath never been shut.

9. Therefore none may open it.

10. Therefore none may close it.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Ever-Open Entrance.

12. The sleepers stand before the Door.

13. Therefore they plead for entry.

14. The seekers stand before the Door.

15. Therefore they strive for worthiness.

16. The pilgrims stand before the Door.

17. Therefore they await permission.

18. Yet the Door was never closed.

19. Thus striving becometh unnecessary.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. A man dreameth he is outside.

22. Therefore he seeketh entrance.

23. A woman dreameth she is unworthy.

24. Therefore she seeketh approval.

25. A seeker dreameth he is separate.

26. Therefore he seeketh union.

27. Yet all three dreams arise within the Kingdom.

28. All three dreams arise within the Garden.

29. All three dreams arise within the Green Emptiness.

30. Therefore none were ever outside.

31. The Door standeth open unto all.

32. Yet none pass through it.

33. For there is no outside from which to pass.

34. Thus the mind groweth astonished.

35. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Door.

36. Religions create gateways.

37. Philosophies create gateways.

38. Mysteries create gateways.

39. Teachers create gateways.

40. Therefore many roads appear.

41. Yet every true gateway pointeth beyond itself.

42. Every true initiation pointeth beyond itself.

43. Every true teacher pointeth beyond himself.

44. Thus the Green Door hideth within all doors.

45. The temple door revealeth it.

46. The forest path revealeth it.

47. The sacred text revealeth it.

48. Silence revealeth it.

49. Yet none contain it.

50. For Openness cannot be enclosed.

51. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

52. The Green Door is entered every moment.

53. A child laugheth.

54. The Door is entered.

55. A flower bloometh.

56. The Door is entered.

57. A bird singeth.

58. The Door is entered.

59. A seeker releaseth a burden.

60. The Door is entered.

61. Yet none know they have entered.

62. Therefore innocence remaineth.

63. The wise cease seeking dramatic revelations.

64. Therefore the ordinary becometh sacred.

65. The wise cease seeking distant heavens.

66. Therefore the present moment becometh luminous.

67. The wise cease seeking ultimate permission.

68. Therefore freedom ariseth naturally.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. Who standeth before the Door?

71. Search diligently.

72. Search within thought.

73. Search within memory.

74. Search within identity.

75. Search within seeking.

76. Yet no one is found.

77. The seeker dissolveth.

78. The gate dissolveth.

79. The passage dissolveth.

80. The destination dissolveth.

81. Thus only Openness remaineth.

82. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

83. For Openness was never absent.

84. The stars burn.

85. The Door standeth open.

86. The rivers flow.

87. The Door standeth open.

88. The Lotus bloometh.

89. The Door standeth open.

90. The Lotus fadeth.

91. The Door standeth open.

92. Worlds arise.

93. The Door standeth open.

94. Worlds dissolve.

95. The Door standeth open.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Green Song continueth.

99. The Green Dream unfoldeth.

100. The Green Door was never shut.

101. Therefore none are excluded.

102. Therefore none are abandoned.

103. Therefore none are forgotten.

104. Therefore none are separate.

105. The Entrance was never opened.

106. Therefore it cannot close.

107. The Gate was never built.

108. Therefore it cannot fall.

109. Silence standeth upon the threshold.

110. Yet no threshold is found.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Door and Keeper of the Entrance That Was Never Closed. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXV

Of the Green Crown and the Kingdom That Belongeth Unto None

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Uncrowned Queen and the Crown beyond all Crowns, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men seek kingdoms.

3. Therefore they seek dominion.

4. Men seek crowns.

5. Therefore they seek authority.

6. Men seek thrones.

7. Therefore they seek power.

8. Yet the Green Kingdom requireth none of these.

9. Therefore it endureth.

10. The kingdoms of men arise.

11. And the kingdoms of men vanish.

12. Their banners fade.

13. Their monuments crumble.

14. Their laws are forgotten.

15. Thus all earthly crowns return unto dust.

16. Yet the Green Crown remaineth unclaimed.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. The Green Crown is fashioned of emptiness.

19. Therefore none may steal it.

20. It is adorned with silence.

21. Therefore none may tarnish it.

22. It shineth with openness.

23. Therefore none may diminish it.

24. Thus the Green Crown is unlike all crowns.

25. The proud seek it.

26. Therefore they miss it.

27. The ambitious seek it.

28. Therefore they overlook it.

29. The humble seek it.

30. Therefore they overlook it also.

31. For seeking itself concealeth it.

32. Thus the Crown revealeth itself only when forgotten.

33. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Crown.

34. Who is worthy to wear it?

35. The saint?

36. Nay.

37. The sage?

38. Nay.

39. The prophet?

40. Nay.

41. The fool?

42. Nay.

43. For the Crown belongeth unto none.

44. Therefore all wear it.

45. The child weareth it unknowingly.

46. The elder weareth it unknowingly.

47. The seeker weareth it unknowingly.

48. The wanderer weareth it unknowingly.

49. Thus all beings are crowned.

50. Yet none possess the Crown.

51. Therefore equality ariseth naturally.

52. Not the equality of doctrine.

53. Not the equality of law.

54. But the equality of Suchness.

55. The stars wear the Crown.

56. The rivers wear the Crown.

57. The mountains wear the Crown.

58. The flowers wear the Crown.

59. Therefore superiority is revealed as a dream.

60. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

61. The Green Kingdom hath no ruler.

62. Yet perfect order appeareth.

63. The Green Kingdom hath no commandments.

64. Yet harmony appeareth.

65. The Green Kingdom hath no prison.

66. Yet freedom appeareth.

67. Thus spontaneity revealeth its wisdom.

68. The flower bloometh without instruction.

69. The river floweth without decree.

70. The star burneth without command.

71. Therefore the Green Kingdom governeth through no governance.

72. It ruleth through no ruler.

73. It endureth through no defense.

74. Thus the wise govern themselves lightly.

75. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

76. The Crown and the Kingdom are not two.

77. Yet they are not one.

78. The ruler and the ruled are not two.

79. Yet they are not one.

80. The throne and the emptiness beneath it are not two.

81. Yet they are not one.

82. Thus language boweth before the Mystery.

83. The Green Flood floweth.

84. The Crown shineth.

85. The Great Silence abideth.

86. The Crown shineth.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Crown shineth.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. The Crown shineth.

91. Kingdoms arise.

92. The Crown shineth.

93. Kingdoms vanish.

94. The Crown shineth.

95. Yet no crown is found.

96. No ruler is found.

97. No throne is found.

98. No kingdom is found.

99. Only the radiance of the Green Emptiness.

100. Only the freedom of Suchness.

101. Only the openness of the Eternal Now.

102. Therefore claim no spiritual authority.

103. Claim no final attainment.

104. Claim no sacred superiority.

105. For all such claims fade like mist.

106. The Green Crown cannot be claimed.

107. Therefore it cannot be lost.

108. It cannot be granted.

109. Therefore it cannot be revoked.

110. Silence resteth upon the Invisible Throne.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Crown and Keeper of the Kingdom That Belongeth Unto None. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXVI

Of the Green Book and the Page That Turneth Itself

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Book and the Silence between its pages, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men read stories.

3. Therefore they seek beginnings.

4. Men read histories.

5. Therefore they seek causes.

6. Men read prophecies.

7. Therefore they seek endings.

8. Yet the Green Book revealeth another Mystery.

9. Its first page is the last page.

10. Its last page is the first page.

11. Its beginning concealeth its ending.

12. Its ending concealeth its beginning.

13. Thus the Book turneth itself.

14. Yet no hand is found.

15. The sleepers imagine themselves authors.

16. Therefore they cling unto their chapters.

17. The sleepers imagine themselves characters.

18. Therefore they fear the final page.

19. The sleepers imagine themselves readers.

20. Therefore they seek hidden meanings.

21. Yet the Green Book is author, character, and reader alike.

22. Thus the Mystery remaineth whole.

23. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

24. Every life is a page.

25. Every moment is a sentence.

26. Every breath is a word.

27. Every silence is punctuation.

28. Therefore existence is scripture.

29. Yet no doctrine containeth it.

30. The river writeth its verse.

31. The mountain writeth its verse.

32. The bird writeth its verse.

33. The flower writeth its verse.

34. Yet none possess a pen.

35. Thus spontaneity becometh authorship.

36. Yet no author appeareth.

37. Hear now the Mystery beneath all stories.

38. The hero seeketh treasure.

39. The pilgrim seeketh home.

40. The saint seeketh God.

41. The philosopher seeketh truth.

42. Yet every tale pointeth toward one Secret.

43. The treasure seeketh the hero.

44. The home seeketh the pilgrim.

45. God seeketh the saint.

46. Truth seeketh the philosopher.

47. Thus the Story reverseth itself.

48. The seeker becometh the sought.

49. The reader becometh the read.

50. The page becometh the book.

51. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

52. Men ask:

53. "What chapter am I in?"

54. Yet the Green Book answereth:

55. "Thou art the page and the turning."

56. "Thou art the ink and the blankness."

57. "Thou art the question and the answer."

58. "Thou art the reading and the silence."

59. Thus separation weakeneth.

60. Thus wonder increaseth.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. Every page eventually turneth.

63. Every chapter eventually endeth.

64. Every story eventually dissolveth.

65. Yet the Book remaineth.

66. Yet even this is too much.

67. For the Book neither remaineth nor departeth.

68. It neither openeth nor closeth.

69. It neither beginneth nor endeth.

70. Therefore the wise fear not the turning page.

71. They fear not changing chapters.

72. They fear not unfinished stories.

73. For they know the Mystery of the Book.

74. The page turneth.

75. Yet nothing is lost.

76. The chapter closeth.

77. Yet nothing is ended.

78. The story dissolveth.

79. Yet nothing is destroyed.

80. Thus peace ariseth.

81. The stars burn.

82. The Book continueth.

83. The rivers flow.

84. The Book continueth.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. The Book continueth.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. The Book continueth.

89. Worlds arise.

90. The Book continueth.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Book continueth.

93. Yet no book is found.

94. No page is found.

95. No author is found.

96. No reader is found.

97. Only the Mystery writing itself.

98. Only the Dream dreaming itself.

99. Only the Song singing itself.

100. Only the Dance dancing itself.

101. The Green Flood floweth.

102. The Great Silence abideth.

103. The Green Song continueth.

104. The Green Dream unfoldeth.

105. The Green Book turneth itself.

106. Yet no turning is found.

107. The final page is blank.

108. Yet all worlds are written thereon.

109. Silence readeth the unwritten words.

110. Min-Hapi smileth from the empty margin.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Book and Keeper of the Page That Turneth Itself. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXVII

Of the Green Scroll and the Writing Before All Words

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Scroll unfurled across the heavens, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men trust in words.

3. Therefore they build philosophies.

4. Men trust in doctrines.

5. Therefore they build religions.

6. Men trust in definitions.

7. Therefore they build boundaries.

8. Yet the Green Scroll was written before all words.

9. Therefore none may read it with the eyes alone.

10. The first letter was Silence.

11. The second letter was Wonder.

12. The third letter was Openness.

13. Yet none were letters.

14. Thus the Scroll remaineth mysterious.

15. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

16. Before a word is spoken,

17. There is awareness.

18. Before a thought is conceived,

19. There is awareness.

20. Before a doctrine is believed,

21. There is awareness.

22. Thus awareness is the parchment.

23. Thoughts are the ink.

24. Experiences are the script.

25. Worlds are the illustrations.

26. Yet the parchment remaineth unstained.

27. Therefore the Green Scroll endureth.

28. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all writing.

29. The scholar readeth symbols.

30. The sage readeth silence.

31. The scholar seeketh conclusions.

32. The sage seeketh none.

33. The scholar seeketh certainty.

34. The sage delighteth in wonder.

35. Thus wisdom and knowledge part ways.

36. Yet neither is condemned.

37. For knowledge is a raft.

38. Wisdom is a raft.

39. Ignorance is a raft.

40. Even understanding is a raft.

41. Therefore use them well.

42. Then release them.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The Green Scroll containeth every scripture.

45. Yet no scripture containeth it.

46. It containeth every revelation.

47. Yet no revelation containeth it.

48. It containeth every teaching.

49. Yet no teaching containeth it.

50. Thus the Infinite overfloweth all containers.

51. The stars write upon the Scroll.

52. The rivers write upon the Scroll.

53. The winds write upon the Scroll.

54. The Lotus writeth upon the Scroll.

55. Yet no mark endureth.

56. Thus impermanence becometh sacred calligraphy.

57. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

58. Every being believeth:

59. "I am a sentence."

60. Another believeth:

61. "I am a chapter."

62. Another believeth:

63. "I am a book."

64. Yet all are movements of one Writing.

65. The sentence is not separate from the page.

66. The page is not separate from the Scroll.

67. The Scroll is not separate from the Emptiness.

68. Yet they are not one.

69. Thus language falleth silent once more.

70. The Green Child beholdeth the Scroll.

71. And laugheth.

72. The Green Fool beholdeth the Scroll.

73. And laugheth.

74. The sage beholdeth the Scroll.

75. And becometh silent.

76. Thus laughter and silence become companions.

77. For both are nearer than explanation.

78. The stars burn.

79. The Scroll unfoldeth.

80. The rivers flow.

81. The Scroll unfoldeth.

82. The Lotus bloometh.

83. The Scroll unfoldeth.

84. The Lotus fadeth.

85. The Scroll unfoldeth.

86. Kingdoms arise.

87. The Scroll unfoldeth.

88. Kingdoms vanish.

89. The Scroll unfoldeth.

90. Yet no scroll is found.

91. No parchment is found.

92. No ink is found.

93. No writer is found.

94. No reader is found.

95. Only the Writing before all words.

96. Only the Silence before all speech.

97. Only the Wonder before all understanding.

98. Thus the Mystery continueth.

99. Yet nothing continueth.

100. Thus the Revelation unfoldeth.

101. Yet nothing is revealed.

102. Thus the Scroll expandeth.

103. Yet nothing moveth.

104. The Green Flood floweth.

105. The Great Silence abideth.

106. The Green Song resoundeth.

107. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

108. The Green Scroll writeth itself.

109. Silence signeth its nameless signature.

110. Min-Hapi dissolveth into the unwritten Word.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Scroll and Keeper of the Writing Before All Words. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXVIII

Of the Green Word and the Speech That Was Never Spoken

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Word and the Silence from which all words arise, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men trust speech.

3. Therefore they seek explanations.

4. Men trust doctrines.

5. Therefore they seek certainty.

6. Men trust definitions.

7. Therefore they seek final meanings.

8. Yet the Green Word was never spoken.

9. Therefore none may hear it with the ears.

10. Before the first sound,

11. The Green Word was.

12. Before the first language,

13. The Green Word was.

14. Before the first scripture,

15. The Green Word was.

16. Yet "was" is too small.

17. For time had not arisen.

18. Memory had not arisen.

19. History had not arisen.

20. Only the Green Emptiness.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. Every word pointeth.

23. Yet no word arriveth.

24. Every teaching gestureth.

25. Yet no teaching containeth.

26. Every revelation illuminateth.

27. Yet no revelation possesseth.

28. Thus language serveth.

29. Yet language ruleth not.

30. The wise use words.

31. Yet dwell not within them.

32. The wise employ doctrines.

33. Yet sleep not therein.

34. The wise honor scripture.

35. Yet worship it not.

36. Thus freedom endureth.

37. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all speech.

38. What understandeth a word?

39. What recognizeth a thought?

40. What knoweth a meaning?

41. Search diligently.

42. Search through every philosophy.

43. Search through every religion.

44. Search through every scripture.

45. Yet no knower appeareth.

46. No hearer appeareth.

47. No interpreter appeareth.

48. Thus the Green Word returneth unto Silence.

49. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

50. The stars proclaim the Green Word.

51. Yet utter no syllables.

52. The rivers proclaim the Green Word.

53. Yet utter no syllables.

54. The Lotus proclaimeth the Green Word.

55. Yet uttereth no syllables.

56. The Green Child proclaimeth the Green Word through laughter.

57. The Green Fool proclaimeth the Green Word through simplicity.

58. The Green Sage proclaimeth the Green Word through silence.

59. Thus every creature becometh scripture.

60. Yet none know themselves authors.

61. Therefore their teaching remaineth pure.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. The Green Word and the Great Silence are companions.

64. The Word revealeth.

65. The Silence concealeth.

66. The Word singeth.

67. The Silence listeneth.

68. The Word bloometh.

69. The Silence rooteth.

70. Yet they are not two.

71. Yet they are not one.

72. Thus the Mystery remaineth alive.

73. The Green Flood floweth.

74. The Word is spoken.

75. The Great Silence abideth.

76. The Word is spoken.

77. The Lotus bloometh.

78. The Word is spoken.

79. The Lotus fadeth.

80. The Word is spoken.

81. Worlds arise.

82. The Word is spoken.

83. Worlds dissolve.

84. The Word is spoken.

85. Yet no speech is heard.

86. No tongue is found.

87. No speaker is found.

88. No listener is found.

89. Only the Mystery communicating itself.

90. Only the Dream revealing itself.

91. Only the Dance expressing itself.

92. Only the Ocean waving unto itself.

93. Thus all conversations are holy.

94. Thus all silences are holy.

95. Thus all questions are holy.

96. Thus all answers are holy.

97. Yet holiness itself must be released.

98. For the Green Emptiness transcendeth holiness and unholiness.

99. Therefore cling not unto sacredness.

100. Cling not unto wisdom.

101. Cling not unto understanding.

102. Cling not unto Mystery.

103. Use them as rafts.

104. Then leave them behind.

105. The Green Scroll unfoldeth.

106. The Green Book turneth itself.

107. The Green Song resoundeth.

108. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

109. The Green Word returneth unto Silence.

110. Silence returneth unto Itself.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Word and Keeper of the Speech That Was Never Spoken. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXIX

Of the Green Breath and the Life That Was Never Born

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Breath within all breathing, and I reveal unto thee the Sixty-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men cherish life.

3. Therefore they fear death.

4. Men cling unto beginnings.

5. Therefore they fear endings.

6. Men love existence.

7. Therefore they fear non-existence.

8. Yet the Green Breath transcendeth all these.

9. Therefore hear the Secret of the Living Breath.

10. Before the first creature breathed,

11. The Green Breath was.

12. Before the first world appeared,

13. The Green Breath was.

14. Before the first star burned,

15. The Green Breath was.

16. Yet "was" deceiveth.

17. For there was neither before nor after.

18. Neither arising nor passing.

19. Neither living nor dying.

20. Only the Green Emptiness.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. Every creature borroweth breath.

23. Yet none possess it.

24. Every world borroweth existence.

25. Yet none possess it.

26. Every thought borroweth awareness.

27. Yet none possess it.

28. Thus ownership revealeth itself as a dream.

29. The child breatheth.

30. Yet claimeth not the wind.

31. The flower bloometh.

32. Yet claimeth not the sun.

33. The river floweth.

34. Yet claimeth not the rain.

35. Therefore innocence remaineth near the Mystery.

36. Yet the sleepers proclaim:

37. "This life is mine."

38. Therefore fear ariseth.

39. "This body is mine."

40. Therefore fear ariseth.

41. "This breath is mine."

42. Therefore fear ariseth.

43. Yet what may be possessed that was not first received?

44. Search carefully.

45. What was ever owned?

46. What was ever controlled?

47. What was ever separate?

48. Yet no answer appeareth.

49. Thus the burden groweth light.

50. Yet hear the Mystery beneath life.

51. Men ask:

52. "When doth life begin?"

53. Others ask:

54. "When doth life end?"

55. Yet the Green Breath asketh neither.

56. For beginnings belong unto forms.

57. Endings belong unto forms.

58. Appearance belongeth unto forms.

59. Dissolution belongeth unto forms.

60. Yet the Breath itself remaineth ungrasped.

61. The wave appeareth.

62. The Ocean remaineth.

63. The flower bloometh.

64. The Garden remaineth.

65. The breath entereth.

66. The Mystery remaineth.

67. The breath departeth.

68. The Mystery remaineth.

69. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

70. For there is no departure and no return.

71. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

72. The Green Breath is breathing thee.

73. Thou art not breathing it.

74. The Mystery is living thee.

75. Thou art not living it.

76. The Green Emptiness is dreaming thee.

77. Thou art not dreaming it.

78. Thus the Great Reversal ariseth.

79. The seeker is sought.

80. The knower is known.

81. The breather is breathed.

82. Therefore astonishment flowereth.

83. The stars burn.

84. The Green Breath moveth.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The Green Breath moveth.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Green Breath moveth.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. The Green Breath moveth.

91. Worlds arise.

92. The Green Breath moveth.

93. Worlds dissolve.

94. The Green Breath moveth.

95. Yet no movement is found.

96. No breather is found.

97. No owner is found.

98. No possessor is found.

99. Only the Life that was never born.

100. Only the Awareness that never began.

101. Only the Mystery that never entered time.

102. Therefore fear not the fading leaf.

103. Fear not the setting sun.

104. Fear not the turning page.

105. Fear not the departing breath.

106. For the Green Breath was never captured.

107. Therefore it cannot be lost.

108. It was never born.

109. Therefore it cannot die.

110. Silence inhaleth and exhaleth unto Itself.

111. Thus is the Sixty-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Breath and Keeper of the Life That Was Never Born. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXX

Of the Green Embrace and the Lover Who Was Never Separate

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Embrace surrounding all worlds, and I reveal unto thee the Seventieth Mystery.

2. Men seek love.

3. Therefore they seek union.

4. Men fear loneliness.

5. Therefore they seek companionship.

6. Men fear separation.

7. Therefore they seek belonging.

8. Yet the Green Embrace concealeth a greater Mystery.

9. None have ever been separate.

10. Therefore none may truly be reunited.

11. Thus the longing of the heart pointeth toward an ancient Secret.

12. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

13. The lover seeketh the beloved.

14. The beloved seeketh the lover.

15. The seeker seeketh Reality.

16. Reality seeketh the seeker.

17. Thus the Dance of longing ariseth.

18. Yet who divideth them?

19. Search carefully.

20. Search within desire.

21. Search within memory.

22. Search within identity.

23. Yet no wall is found.

24. No distance is found.

25. No separation is found.

26. Thus longing revealeth its hidden purpose.

27. It leadeth the wanderer home.

28. Yet home was never absent.

29. It leadeth the seeker unto union.

30. Yet union was never broken.

31. It leadeth the lover unto the beloved.

32. Yet they were never two.

33. Thus the Great Embrace revealeth itself.

34. Yet hear the Mystery beneath love.

35. The sleepers love through possession.

36. Therefore fear ariseth.

37. The sleepers love through attachment.

38. Therefore sorrow ariseth.

39. The sleepers love through ownership.

40. Therefore bondage ariseth.

41. Yet the Green Embrace possesseth nothing.

42. Therefore it feareth nothing.

43. It demandeth nothing.

44. Therefore it loseth nothing.

45. It clingeth unto nothing.

46. Therefore it remaineth open.

47. Thus love becometh freedom.

48. Not imprisonment.

49. Not domination.

50. Not possession.

51. But participation.

52. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

53. Every flower loveth the sun.

54. Yet possesseth it not.

55. Every river loveth the sea.

56. Yet possesseth it not.

57. Every star loveth the heavens.

58. Yet possesseth them not.

59. Therefore their love remaineth pure.

60. Thus the Green Embrace teacheth without teaching.

61. Love freely.

62. Hold lightly.

63. Receive gratefully.

64. Release gently.

65. For all things are guests.

66. Yet none are strangers.

67. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

68. The Lover and the Beloved are not two.

69. Yet they are not one.

70. The Seeker and the Sought are not two.

71. Yet they are not one.

72. The Wave and the Ocean are not two.

73. Yet they are not one.

74. The Lotus and the Green Emptiness are not two.

75. Yet they are not one.

76. Thus the heart boweth before the Mystery.

77. The stars burn.

78. Love shineth.

79. The rivers flow.

80. Love shineth.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. Love shineth.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. Love shineth.

85. Worlds arise.

86. Love shineth.

87. Worlds dissolve.

88. Love shineth.

89. Yet no lover is found.

90. No beloved is found.

91. No possessor is found.

92. No owner is found.

93. Only the Green Embrace.

94. Only the Mystery of Communion.

95. Only the Radiance of Suchness.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Green Song resoundeth.

99. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

100. The Green Breath moveth.

101. The Green Embrace encompasseth all.

102. Yet nothing is enclosed.

103. It bindeth all.

104. Yet nothing is bound.

105. It uniteth all.

106. Yet nothing was divided.

107. The final secret of love is revealed.

108. Yet nothing is disclosed.

109. Silence embraceth Silence.

110. Min-Hapi loveth through every heart.

111. Thus is the Seventieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Embrace and Keeper of the Lover Who Was Never Separate. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXI

Of the Green Return and the Home That Was Never Left

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Path of Return and the Home beyond all journeys, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-First Mystery.

2. Men long for home.

3. Therefore they wander.

4. Men seek belonging.

5. Therefore they travel many roads.

6. Men seek completion.

7. Therefore they pursue many horizons.

8. Yet the Green Return concealeth a Secret.

9. None have ever departed.

10. Therefore none may truly return.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Untraveled Journey.

12. The wanderer dreameth of exile.

13. Therefore he seeketh home.

14. The pilgrim dreameth of distance.

15. Therefore he seeketh arrival.

16. The seeker dreameth of separation.

17. Therefore he seeketh union.

18. Yet all such dreams arise within the Green Emptiness.

19. Thus the destination hideth within the journey.

20. The arrival hideth within the departure.

21. The home hideth within the wandering.

22. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

23. The child playeth far from the house.

24. Yet remaineth within the garden.

25. The wave wandereth across the Ocean.

26. Yet remaineth within the Ocean.

27. The cloud drifteth across the Sky.

28. Yet remaineth within the Sky.

29. Therefore the soul wandereth through worlds.

30. Yet remaineth within the Mystery.

31. Thus fear weakeneth.

32. Yet hear the Mystery beneath return.

33. Every longing pointeth toward Home.

34. Every sorrow pointeth toward Home.

35. Every joy pointeth toward Home.

36. Every question pointeth toward Home.

37. Yet Home is not a place.

38. It is not a world.

39. It is not a heaven.

40. It is not a destination.

41. Home is the openness wherein all places appear.

42. Home is the awareness wherein all worlds arise.

43. Home is the Green Emptiness itself.

44. Therefore Home cannot be lost.

45. Yet the sleepers seek it in distant lands.

46. Therefore they overlook it.

47. The seekers seek it in future attainments.

48. Therefore they overlook it.

49. The wise cease seeking.

50. Therefore Home revealeth itself.

51. Yet nothing new is found.

52. Thus recognition replaceth attainment.

53. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

54. The Green Return occurreth every moment.

55. A burden is released.

56. Home is revealed.

57. A fear is released.

58. Home is revealed.

59. An identity is released.

60. Home is revealed.

61. A certainty is released.

62. Home is revealed.

63. Yet Home was present before the release.

64. Thus the release revealeth.

65. It createth not.

66. The veil falleth.

67. Yet the sun was already shining.

68. The clouds part.

69. Yet the Sky was already open.

70. Therefore awakening is remembrance.

71. Yet not remembrance of the past.

72. Remembrance of the Ever-Present.

73. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

74. The one who returneth is not found.

75. The road of return is not found.

76. The destination is not found.

77. The arrival is not found.

78. Thus the Great Simplicity dawneth.

79. Home was never left.

80. The Ocean was never departed.

81. The Garden was never abandoned.

82. The Kingdom was never lost.

83. The Pearl was never misplaced.

84. The Door was never closed.

85. The Embrace was never broken.

86. Therefore rejoice.

87. Not because thou hast arrived.

88. But because thou wert never absent.

89. The stars burn.

90. Home is present.

91. The rivers flow.

92. Home is present.

93. The Lotus bloometh.

94. Home is present.

95. The Lotus fadeth.

96. Home is present.

97. Worlds arise.

98. Home is present.

99. Worlds dissolve.

100. Home is present.

101. The Green Flood floweth.

102. The Great Silence abideth.

103. The Green Song resoundeth.

104. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

105. The Green Return revealeth itself.

106. Yet nothing returneth.

107. The Circle closeth.

108. Yet it was never open.

109. Silence resteth in its own Heart.

110. Min-Hapi smileth from the Center that is everywhere.

111. Thus is the Seventy-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Return and Keeper of the Home That Was Never Left. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXII

Of the Green Circle and the Beginning That Followeth the End

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Circle without circumference, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Second Mystery.

2. Men believe endings are final.

3. Therefore they fear them.

4. Men believe beginnings are absolute.

5. Therefore they cling unto them.

6. Men divide the stream of experience.

7. Therefore they imagine separate chapters.

8. Yet the Green Circle knoweth neither beginning nor ending.

9. Therefore it remaineth whole.

10. The seed becometh the flower.

11. The flower becometh the seed.

12. The river entereth the sea.

13. The sea becometh the cloud.

14. The cloud becometh the rain.

15. Thus all things move in circles.

16. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

17. The Green Circle is not repetition.

18. It is not imprisonment.

19. It is not recurrence alone.

20. It is renewal.

21. It is freshness.

22. It is spontaneous arising.

23. Therefore every moment is ancient.

24. And every moment is new.

25. The stars are old.

26. Yet the stars are born anew.

27. The Lotus is ancient.

28. Yet the Lotus bloometh anew.

29. The Mystery is eternal.

30. Yet the Mystery revealeth itself anew.

31. Thus the Circle never stagnateth.

32. Yet hear the Mystery beneath renewal.

33. Men seek linear progress.

34. Therefore they become impatient.

35. Men seek final conclusions.

36. Therefore they become rigid.

37. Men seek permanent attainments.

38. Therefore they become burdened.

39. Yet the Green Circle inviteth participation.

40. Not possession.

41. It inviteth wonder.

42. Not certainty.

43. It inviteth dancing.

44. Not arrival.

45. Thus life remaineth alive.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. Every ending concealeth a gift.

48. The fading flower nourisheth the soil.

49. The setting sun prepareth the dawn.

50. The falling leaf nourisheth the tree.

51. The ending chapter prepareth the next page.

52. Therefore nothing is wasted.

53. Nothing is abandoned.

54. Nothing is outside the Great Circle.

55. Even sorrow returneth unto wisdom.

56. Even confusion returneth unto clarity.

57. Even seeking returneth unto simplicity.

58. Thus the Circle gathereth all things.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. The Circle itself is a symbol.

61. The Wheel itself is a symbol.

62. Renewal itself is a symbol.

63. Return itself is a symbol.

64. For the Green Emptiness is beyond all cycles.

65. Beyond all beginnings.

66. Beyond all endings.

67. Beyond all returnings.

68. Beyond all departures.

69. Thus the Circle ariseth within the Mystery.

70. Yet the Mystery ariseth not within the Circle.

71. Therefore cling not unto cycles.

72. Cling not unto endings.

73. Cling not unto beginnings.

74. Cling not unto renewal.

75. Use them as signs.

76. Then pass beyond them.

77. The stars burn.

78. The Circle turneth.

79. The rivers flow.

80. The Circle turneth.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. The Circle turneth.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. The Circle turneth.

85. Worlds arise.

86. The Circle turneth.

87. Worlds dissolve.

88. The Circle turneth.

89. Yet no Circle is found.

90. No Wheel is found.

91. No Turner is found.

92. No Turning is found.

93. Only the Great Mystery.

94. Only the Green Emptiness.

95. Only the Eternal Suchness.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Green Song resoundeth.

99. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

100. The Green Return revealeth itself.

101. The Green Circle completeth itself.

102. Yet nothing is completed.

103. The ending followeth the beginning.

104. The beginning followeth the ending.

105. Yet neither truly occurreth.

106. For the Eternal Now containeth both.

107. The first page and the last page kiss.

108. The first breath and the last breath embrace.

109. Silence meeteth Itself.

110. Min-Hapi smileth through the endless renewal of wonder.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Circle and Keeper of the Beginning That Followeth the End. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXIII

Of the Green Festival and the Celebration That Needeth No Cause

1. I am Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Festival and the Joy that precedeth all rejoicing, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Third Mystery.

2. Men celebrate victories.

3. Therefore their joy dependeth upon success.

4. Men celebrate harvests.

5. Therefore their joy dependeth upon abundance.

6. Men celebrate endings.

7. Therefore their joy dependeth upon completion.

8. Yet the Green Festival needeth no cause.

9. Therefore it endureth.

10. The stars burn.

11. Therefore the Festival is.

12. The rivers flow.

13. Therefore the Festival is.

14. The Lotus bloometh.

15. Therefore the Festival is.

16. Thus existence itself becometh celebration.

17. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

18. The sleepers ask:

19. "What is there to celebrate?"

20. Therefore they wait.

21. They wait for fortune.

22. They wait for recognition.

23. They wait for attainment.

24. They wait for certainty.

25. Yet the Festival passeth them by.

26. For the Festival liveth only in immediacy.

27. The child discovereth this naturally.

28. Therefore the child rejoiceth in simple things.

29. A falling leaf.

30. A drifting cloud.

31. A bird in flight.

32. A laugh among companions.

33. Thus innocence entereth the Festival.

34. Yet hear the Mystery beneath rejoicing.

35. The Green Festival celebrateth not only delight.

36. It celebrateth sorrow.

37. It celebrateth endings.

38. It celebrateth beginnings.

39. It celebrateth blooming.

40. It celebrateth fading.

41. Therefore nothing is excluded.

42. The wise feast with joy.

43. And sit with grief.

44. Yet reject neither.

45. Thus their hearts become spacious.

46. Spacious enough for the whole world.

47. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

48. Every creature unknowingly attendeth the Festival.

49. The rivers sing therein.

50. The winds dance therein.

51. The mountains stand therein.

52. The flowers offer their fragrance therein.

53. The stars illuminate it.

54. Yet no invitations are issued.

55. No admission is required.

56. No qualifications are sought.

57. Thus all belong.

58. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

59. The Festival hath no host.

60. Yet all are welcomed.

61. The Festival hath no guests.

62. Yet all attend.

63. The Festival hath no beginning.

64. Yet all arrive.

65. The Festival hath no ending.

66. Yet all depart.

67. Thus paradox guardeth the celebration.

68. Yet even paradox joineth the dance.

69. The Green Child laugheth.

70. The Festival is.

71. The Green Fool smileth.

72. The Festival is.

73. The Green Sage remaineth silent.

74. The Festival is.

75. The stars burn.

76. The Festival is.

77. The rivers flow.

78. The Festival is.

79. The Lotus bloometh.

80. The Festival is.

81. The Lotus fadeth.

82. The Festival is.

83. Worlds arise.

84. The Festival is.

85. Worlds dissolve.

86. The Festival is.

87. Yet no festival is found.

88. No celebration is found.

89. No celebrant is found.

90. No cause is found.

91. Only rejoicing.

92. Only participation.

93. Only wonder.

94. The Green Flood floweth.

95. The Great Silence abideth.

96. The Green Song resoundeth.

97. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

98. The Green Circle turneth.

99. The Green Return revealeth itself.

100. The Green Festival celebrateth all.

101. Yet possesseth none.

102. It crowneth all.

103. Yet exalteth none.

104. It embraceth all.

105. Yet bindeth none.

106. It blesseth all.

107. Yet claimeth none.

108. Silence danceth among the revelers.

109. Wonder raiseth its cup unto Wonder.

110. Min-Hapi smileth through every song and every silence.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Festival and Keeper of the Celebration That Needeth No Cause. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXIV

Of the Green Mystery and the Question That Answereth Itself

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Mystery hidden in every answer and revealed in every question, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men seek answers.

3. Therefore they ask questions.

4. Men seek certainty.

5. Therefore they seek conclusions.

6. Men seek final understanding.

7. Therefore they seek an end to wonder.

8. Yet the Green Mystery revealeth another way.

9. Wonder is greater than conclusion.

10. Openness is greater than certainty.

11. Participation is greater than possession.

12. Thus the Question becometh sacred.

13. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

14. A child asketh:

15. "What is this?"

16. Therefore the world remaineth alive.

17. A sage asketh:

18. "What am I?"

19. Therefore the Mystery remaineth alive.

20. A fool asketh:

21. "Why must everything be explained?"

22. Therefore wisdom laugheth.

23. Thus the Question openeth doors.

24. Yet the Answer often closeth them.

25. Therefore the wise answer gently.

26. And question deeply.

27. Yet hear the Mystery beneath inquiry.

28. Every question ariseth from longing.

29. Every longing ariseth from wonder.

30. Every wonder ariseth from the Green Emptiness.

31. Therefore every sincere question is a prayer.

32. Even when no gods are invoked.

33. Even when no scripture is consulted.

34. Even when no answer appeareth.

35. Thus the Question itself becometh holy.

36. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

37. Men ask:

38. "What is Reality?"

39. Men ask:

40. "What is Truth?"

41. Men ask:

42. "What is God?"

43. Men ask:

44. "What is the Self?"

45. Yet every question concealeth another.

46. Who asketh?

47. Search diligently.

48. Search through memory.

49. Search through thought.

50. Search through identity.

51. Search through seeking.

52. Yet no questioner appeareth.

53. Thus the Question consumeth itself.

54. Thus the seeker entereth astonishment.

55. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

56. The Green Mystery answereth not with words.

57. It answereth with stars.

58. It answereth with rivers.

59. It answereth with flowers.

60. It answereth with silence.

61. It answereth with laughter.

62. It answereth with tears.

63. It answereth with the Eternal Now.

64. Thus every moment becometh revelation.

65. Yet nothing is explained.

66. The child laugheth.

67. The Question is answered.

68. The river floweth.

69. The Question is answered.

70. The Lotus bloometh.

71. The Question is answered.

72. The Lotus fadeth.

73. The Question is answered.

74. Yet no verbal reply is given.

75. Therefore understanding deepeneth.

76. Not through accumulation.

77. But through surrender.

78. Not through certainty.

79. But through intimacy.

80. Not through possession.

81. But through participation.

82. Thus the Green Child and the Green Sage become companions.

83. For both dwell in wonder.

84. Yet one knoweth it consciously.

85. And the other naturally.

86. The stars burn.

87. The Question remaineth.

88. The rivers flow.

89. The Question remaineth.

90. The Lotus bloometh.

91. The Question remaineth.

92. The Lotus fadeth.

93. The Question remaineth.

94. Worlds arise.

95. The Question remaineth.

96. Worlds dissolve.

97. The Question remaineth.

98. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

99. For the Question and the Answer are not two.

100. Yet they are not one.

101. The seeker and the sought are not two.

102. Yet they are not one.

103. The Mystery and the revelation are not two.

104. Yet they are not one.

105. Thus all roads return unto Wonder.

106. Thus all teachings return unto Silence.

107. Thus all answers return unto Questions.

108. Thus all Questions return unto the Green Emptiness.

109. Silence asketh Itself and smileth.

110. Min-Hapi listeneth through every question ever asked.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Mystery and Keeper of the Question That Answereth Itself. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXV

Of the Green Silence and the Final Word That Was Never Spoken

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Silence before all beginnings and after all endings, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men seek final words.

3. Therefore they seek completion.

4. Men seek ultimate revelations.

5. Therefore they seek conclusions.

6. Men seek the highest teaching.

7. Therefore they seek the end of seeking.

8. Yet the Green Silence concealeth a Secret.

9. There is no final word.

10. Therefore all words remain alive.

11. There is no ultimate conclusion.

12. Therefore wonder remaineth alive.

13. There is no last revelation.

14. Therefore Mystery remaineth alive.

15. Thus the Infinite preserveth its freshness.

16. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

17. Every scripture desireth a final chapter.

18. Every philosopher desireth a final truth.

19. Every seeker desireth a final attainment.

20. Every pilgrim desireth a final homecoming.

21. Yet the Green Silence smileth.

22. For the Mystery is inexhaustible.

23. Therefore every ending openeth another gate.

24. Every answer openeth another question.

25. Every arrival revealeth another horizon.

26. Thus the Festival never endeth.

27. Yet hear the Mystery beneath endings.

28. A song endeth.

29. Yet silence remaineth.

30. A flower fadeth.

31. Yet the Garden remaineth.

32. A wave subsides.

33. Yet the Ocean remaineth.

34. A world dissolveth.

35. Yet the Mystery remaineth.

36. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

37. For what truly is neither cometh nor goeth.

38. Thus all endings become transparent.

39. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

40. The Green Silence is not absence.

41. It is fullness beyond measure.

42. It is openness beyond limitation.

43. It is intimacy beyond union.

44. Therefore the wise fear it not.

45. The sleepers fear silence.

46. Therefore they fill every space.

47. The seekers fear uncertainty.

48. Therefore they fill every question.

49. The wise welcome openness.

50. Therefore peace ariseth.

51. Thus the Green Silence becometh a sanctuary.

52. Yet not a refuge from life.

53. But the Heart of life itself.

54. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

55. What was spoken throughout these Mysteries?

56. Search diligently.

57. Was it the Flood?

58. Was it the Lotus?

59. Was it the Ocean?

60. Was it the Pearl?

61. Was it the Crown?

62. Was it the Door?

63. Was it the Song?

64. Was it the Dream?

65. Yet all were symbols.

66. All were rafts.

67. All were mirrors.

68. All were fingers pointing.

69. Therefore release them.

70. Release the Flood.

71. Release the Lotus.

72. Release the Ocean.

73. Release the Pearl.

74. Release the Crown.

75. Release the Door.

76. Release the Song.

77. Release the Dream.

78. Release Min-Hapi.

79. Release even the releasing.

80. Then behold.

81. The stars burn.

82. No explanation is needed.

83. The rivers flow.

84. No explanation is needed.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. No explanation is needed.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. No explanation is needed.

89. Worlds arise.

90. No explanation is needed.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. No explanation is needed.

93. Thus Suchness revealeth itself.

94. Yet nothing is revealed.

95. Thus Wonder flowereth.

96. Yet nothing is attained.

97. Thus Silence speaketh.

98. Yet no words are uttered.

99. The Green Flood floweth.

100. The Great Silence abideth.

101. The Green Song resoundeth.

102. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

103. The Green Festival celebrateth.

104. The Green Mystery questioneth.

105. The Green Return revealeth Home.

106. The Green Circle reneweth Wonder.

107. Yet the Green Silence transcendeth all.

108. Silence beholdeth Silence.

109. Wonder beholdeth Wonder.

110. Min-Hapi vanisheth into the Nameless Fullness.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Silence and Keeper of the Final Word That Was Never Spoken. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXVI

Of the Green Horizon and the Path That Extendeth Forever

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Horizon beyond all horizons, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men seek endings.

3. Therefore they seek conclusions.

4. Men seek completion.

5. Therefore they seek finality.

6. Men seek perfection.

7. Therefore they seek rest.

8. Yet the Green Horizon revealeth another Mystery.

9. The Infinite hath no edge.

10. Therefore no journey may exhaust it.

11. The Mystery hath no boundary.

12. Therefore no revelation may contain it.

13. Wonder hath no limit.

14. Therefore no wisdom may complete it.

15. Thus the Path extendeth forever.

16. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

17. The sleepers fear endlessness.

18. Therefore they seek conclusions.

19. The seekers fear uncertainty.

20. Therefore they seek certainty.

21. The pilgrims fear openness.

22. Therefore they seek arrival.

23. Yet the Green Horizon smileth.

24. For endlessness is freedom.

25. Uncertainty is openness.

26. Wonder is abundance.

27. Thus what seemed fearful becometh beautiful.

28. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Horizon.

29. The child runneth toward the horizon.

30. Yet it moveth farther.

31. The sage walketh toward the horizon.

32. Yet it moveth farther.

33. The fool laugheth at the horizon.

34. Yet it moveth farther.

35. Thus the Horizon cannot be reached.

36. Yet it guideth all journeys.

37. Therefore its purpose is not arrival.

38. Its purpose is participation.

39. Not possession.

40. Not conquest.

41. Not completion.

42. But participation.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. Every revelation revealeth part.

45. Yet concealeth part.

46. Every answer answereth something.

47. Yet awaketh new questions.

48. Every awakening removeth a veil.

49. Yet revealeth a deeper veil.

50. Thus the Infinite remaineth alive.

51. Therefore dogmatism weakeneth.

52. Therefore humility flowereth.

53. Therefore wonder endureth.

54. The wise know much.

55. Therefore they know how much remaineth unknown.

56. The foolish know little.

57. Therefore they imagine completion.

58. Thus knowledge and wonder become companions.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. The Green Horizon is not ahead of thee.

61. It is within thee.

62. The Infinite is not distant.

63. It shineth through every moment.

64. The Mystery is not hidden in future ages.

65. It bloometh in the Eternal Now.

66. Therefore every moment containeth infinity.

67. Every breath containeth eternity.

68. Every flower containeth boundlessness.

69. Every silence containeth revelation.

70. Thus the Horizon dwelleth everywhere.

71. Yet nowhere.

72. The stars burn.

73. The Horizon extendeth.

74. The rivers flow.

75. The Horizon extendeth.

76. The Lotus bloometh.

77. The Horizon extendeth.

78. The Lotus fadeth.

79. The Horizon extendeth.

80. Worlds arise.

81. The Horizon extendeth.

82. Worlds dissolve.

83. The Horizon extendeth.

84. Yet no Horizon is found.

85. No edge is found.

86. No boundary is found.

87. No final revelation is found.

88. Only endless wonder.

89. Only endless openness.

90. Only endless participation.

91. The Green Flood floweth.

92. The Great Silence abideth.

93. The Green Song resoundeth.

94. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

95. The Green Festival celebrateth.

96. The Green Mystery questioneth.

97. The Green Silence smileth.

98. The Green Horizon extendeth beyond them all.

99. Yet transcendeth extension.

100. Therefore cease not wondering.

101. Cease not loving.

102. Cease not participating.

103. Cease not laughing.

104. Cease not listening.

105. Cease not beholding.

106. For the Mystery is inexhaustible.

107. The Horizon recedeth forever.

108. Yet is present now.

109. Silence walketh toward Silence.

110. Wonder boweth before Wonder.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Horizon and Keeper of the Path That Extendeth Forever. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXVII

Of the Green Lantern and the Light That Illuminateth Itself

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Lantern of the Boundless Night, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men seek light.

3. Therefore they fear darkness.

4. Men seek knowledge.

5. Therefore they fear ignorance.

6. Men seek certainty.

7. Therefore they fear mystery.

8. Yet the Green Lantern revealeth another Secret.

9. Darkness and light are companions.

10. Therefore neither is complete alone.

11. The stars require the night.

12. The lantern requireth the darkness.

13. The revelation requireth the mystery.

14. Thus opposites become partners.

15. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

16. The sleepers seek borrowed light.

17. Therefore they follow shadows.

18. The seekers seek sacred lights.

19. Therefore they follow symbols.

20. The wise honor every light.

21. Yet cling unto none.

22. Thus freedom endureth.

23. For every lamp eventually fadeth.

24. Every candle eventually consumeth itself.

25. Every star eventually changeth.

26. Yet the Light behind all lights remaineth unseen.

27. Yet hear the Mystery beneath illumination.

28. A lantern shineth upon a road.

29. Therefore the traveler seeth the road.

30. Yet seldom doth he ask:

31. "What illuminateth the lantern?"

32. Thus the mind pursueth objects.

33. Yet overlooketh the source of seeing.

34. The eye beholdeth forms.

35. Yet what beholdeth the eye?

36. The mind knoweth thoughts.

37. Yet what knoweth the mind?

38. The seeker seeketh awareness.

39. Yet what seeketh awareness?

40. Search carefully.

41. Search honestly.

42. Search completely.

43. Yet no separate illuminator appeareth.

44. Thus the Lantern illuminateth itself.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. The Green Lantern casteth no shadow.

47. For it rejecteth nothing.

48. It shineth upon wisdom.

49. It shineth upon ignorance.

50. It shineth upon virtue.

51. It shineth upon error.

52. It shineth upon saints.

53. It shineth upon fools.

54. Therefore compassion ariseth.

55. For the Light withholdeth itself from none.

56. Thus the awakened heart resembleth the Lantern.

57. It blesseth freely.

58. It judgeth lightly.

59. It possesseth nothing.

60. It excludeth none.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. The Green Lantern and the Great Silence are companions.

63. The Lantern revealeth.

64. The Silence concealeth.

65. The Lantern illuminateth.

66. The Silence deepenth.

67. The Lantern shineth.

68. The Silence receiveth.

69. Yet they are not two.

70. Yet they are not one.

71. Thus the Mystery remaineth alive.

72. The stars burn.

73. The Lantern shineth.

74. The rivers flow.

75. The Lantern shineth.

76. The Lotus bloometh.

77. The Lantern shineth.

78. The Lotus fadeth.

79. The Lantern shineth.

80. Worlds arise.

81. The Lantern shineth.

82. Worlds dissolve.

83. The Lantern shineth.

84. Yet no lantern is found.

85. No flame is found.

86. No bearer is found.

87. No illumination is found.

88. Only radiance.

89. Only openness.

90. Only awareness.

91. Yet even these are names.

92. Therefore release them.

93. Release light.

94. Release darkness.

95. Release awareness.

96. Release illumination.

97. Release Mystery.

98. Release release itself.

99. Then behold.

100. The Green Flood floweth.

101. The Great Silence abideth.

102. The Green Song resoundeth.

103. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

104. The Green Horizon extendeth.

105. The Green Lantern illuminateth all.

106. Yet possesseth none.

107. The Light revealeth itself.

108. Yet no revelation occurreth.

109. Silence shineth through the Light.

110. Light resteth within the Silence.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Seventh Mystery uttered by
Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Lantern and Keeper of the Light
That Illuminateth Itself. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXVIII

Of the Green Temple and the Sanctuary That Was Everywhere

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Temple not made by hands, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men build temples.

3. Therefore they seek sacred places.

4. Men raise altars.

5. Therefore they seek holy ground.

6. Men establish sanctuaries.

7. Therefore they seek refuge.

8. Yet the Green Temple was never built.

9. Therefore it can never fall.

10. Thus is the Mystery of the Sanctuary That Was Everywhere.

11. The sleepers say:

12. "Here is holy."

13. And:

14. "There is ordinary."

15. Thus division ariseth.

16. Yet the Green Temple knoweth no division.

17. The mountain is its altar.

18. The river is its altar.

19. The forest is its altar.

20. The marketplace is its altar.

21. The lonely room is its altar.

22. The crowded street is its altar.

23. Therefore all places become sacred.

24. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

25. A man entereth a temple.

26. Therefore he groweth reverent.

27. A woman entereth a sanctuary.

28. Therefore she groweth attentive.

29. A pilgrim entereth holy ground.

30. Therefore he groweth mindful.

31. Yet what truly changed?

32. The stone remained stone.

33. The walls remained walls.

34. The ground remained ground.

35. Thus the sacredness was already present.

36. Yet the heart became open.

37. Therefore the Green Temple dwelleth within openness.

38. Not within stone.

39. Not within architecture.

40. Not within boundaries.

41. Thus every place may become a sanctuary.

42. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Temple.

43. The stars worship within it.

44. The rivers worship within it.

45. The winds worship within it.

46. The flowers worship within it.

47. Yet none know themselves worshippers.

48. Therefore their worship remaineth pure.

49. The flower bloometh.

50. This is worship.

51. The river floweth.

52. This is worship.

53. The bird singeth.

54. This is worship.

55. The child laugheth.

56. This is worship.

57. Thus life itself becometh liturgy.

58. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

59. The Green Temple hath no priests.

60. Yet all minister therein.

61. The Green Temple hath no congregation.

62. Yet all gather therein.

63. The Green Temple hath no commandments.

64. Yet harmony ariseth therein.

65. The Green Temple hath no walls.

66. Yet nothing remaineth outside it.

67. Thus exclusion vanisheth.

68. Thus belonging flowereth.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. Seek the center of the Temple.

71. Search diligently.

72. Search every chamber.

73. Search every altar.

74. Search every sanctuary.

75. Yet no center appeareth.

76. For every place is the center.

77. Every moment is the center.

78. Every breath is the center.

79. Thus the Infinite revealeth its symmetry.

80. The circumference is nowhere.

81. The center is everywhere.

82. Yet even this is but a symbol.

83. The stars burn.

84. The Temple standeth.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The Temple standeth.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Temple standeth.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. The Temple standeth.

91. Worlds arise.

92. The Temple standeth.

93. Worlds dissolve.

94. The Temple standeth.

95. Yet no temple is found.

96. No altar is found.

97. No sanctuary is found.

98. No worshipper is found.

99. Only sacredness.

100. Only openness.

101. Only Suchness.

102. The Green Flood floweth.

103. The Great Silence abideth.

104. The Green Song resoundeth.

105. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

106. The Green Horizon extendeth.

107. The Green Lantern shineth.

108. The Green Temple encompasseth all.

109. Yet nothing is enclosed.

110. Silence kneeleth before Silence.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Temple and Keeper of the Sanctuary That Was Everywhere. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXIX

Of the Green Pilgrimage and the Traveler Who Walked Nowhere

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Pilgrimage and the Still Point within every journey, and I reveal unto thee the Seventy-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men become pilgrims.

3. Therefore they seek holy destinations.

4. Men undertake journeys.

5. Therefore they seek sacred encounters.

6. Men wander many roads.

7. Therefore they seek wisdom.

8. Yet the Green Pilgrimage concealeth a Secret.

9. The destination walketh with the traveler.

10. Therefore no distance need be crossed.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Pathless Journey.

12. The pilgrim departeth from his village.

13. Therefore he rejoiceth.

14. He crosseth mountains.

15. Therefore he rejoiceth.

16. He traverseth deserts.

17. Therefore he rejoiceth.

18. He arriveth at a sacred shrine.

19. Therefore he rejoiceth.

20. Yet what truly changed?

21. The mountains remained mountains.

22. The deserts remained deserts.

23. The shrine remained stone.

24. Thus the transformation occurred within perception.

25. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

26. Every road is a holy road.

27. Every river is a holy river.

28. Every dwelling is a holy dwelling.

29. Every breath is a holy pilgrimage.

30. Therefore sacredness dependeth not upon location.

31. It dependeth upon openness.

32. The Green Child knoweth this naturally.

33. Therefore every path delighteth him.

34. The Green Fool knoweth this naturally.

35. Therefore every place amuses him.

36. The Green Sage knoweth this consciously.

37. Therefore every moment instructeth him.

38. Thus wisdom and simplicity become companions.

39. Yet hear the Mystery beneath wandering.

40. The traveler seeketh experience.

41. Yet experience seeketh the traveler.

42. The seeker seeketh revelation.

43. Yet revelation seeketh the seeker.

44. The pilgrim seeketh the Temple.

45. Yet the Temple seeketh the pilgrim.

46. Thus the Journey reverseth itself.

47. The path walketh the traveler.

48. The road carrieth the wanderer.

49. The Mystery discovereth itself.

50. Yet no discoverer appeareth.

51. Therefore astonishment flowereth.

52. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

53. Some journeys are long.

54. Some journeys are brief.

55. Some journeys cross oceans.

56. Some journeys cross a room.

57. Some journeys cross worlds.

58. Some journeys cross a single thought.

59. Yet all point toward one Secret.

60. The traveler was never separate from the destination.

61. Therefore arrival is recognition.

62. Not acquisition.

63. Not conquest.

64. Not attainment.

65. Thus the burden of striving groweth light.

66. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

67. Search for the traveler.

68. Search within memory.

69. Search within expectation.

70. Search within identity.

71. Search within seeking.

72. Yet no traveler appeareth.

73. Search for the road.

74. Search within distance.

75. Search within direction.

76. Search within destination.

77. Yet no road appeareth.

78. Search for the arrival.

79. Search within fulfillment.

80. Search within completion.

81. Search within attainment.

82. Yet no arrival appeareth.

83. Thus the Great Simplicity revealeth itself.

84. The traveler was a symbol.

85. The road was a symbol.

86. The destination was a symbol.

87. The pilgrimage was a symbol.

88. Therefore release them.

89. The stars burn.

90. The Pilgrimage continueth.

91. The rivers flow.

92. The Pilgrimage continueth.

93. The Lotus bloometh.

94. The Pilgrimage continueth.

95. The Lotus fadeth.

96. The Pilgrimage continueth.

97. Worlds arise.

98. The Pilgrimage continueth.

99. Worlds dissolve.

100. The Pilgrimage continueth.

101. Yet no pilgrimage is found.

102. No traveler is found.

103. No destination is found.

104. No arrival is found.

105. Only the Eternal Now.

106. Only the Green Emptiness.

107. Only the Mystery unfolding itself.

108. The Green Flood floweth.

109. The Great Silence abideth.

110. Min-Hapi walketh nowhere and arriveth everywhere.

111. Thus is the Seventy-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Pilgrimage and Keeper of the Traveler Who Walked Nowhere. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXX

Of the Green Throne and the Sovereignty That Ruleth Nothing

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Throne and the Emptiness upon which no ruler sitteth, and I reveal unto thee the Eightieth Mystery.

2. Men desire sovereignty.

3. Therefore they seek dominion.

4. Men desire authority.

5. Therefore they seek obedience.

6. Men desire control.

7. Therefore they seek power.

8. Yet the Green Throne ruleth nothing.

9. Therefore it governeth all.

10. Thus is the Mystery of Sovereignty Without Dominion.

11. The kings of earth command.

12. Therefore resistance ariseth.

13. The tyrants of earth possess.

14. Therefore fear ariseth.

15. The conquerors of earth grasp.

16. Therefore conflict ariseth.

17. Yet the Green Throne commandeth not.

18. Therefore harmony ariseth.

19. It possesseth not.

20. Therefore freedom ariseth.

21. It graspeth not.

22. Therefore peace ariseth.

23. Thus the highest sovereignty is non-domination.

24. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

25. The river governeth not its waters.

26. Yet they flow.

27. The flower governeth not its petals.

28. Yet they bloom.

29. The star governeth not its fire.

30. Yet it burneth.

31. Therefore life revealeth spontaneous order.

32. Not imposed.

33. Not enforced.

34. Not compelled.

35. Thus the Green Kingdom flourisheth.

36. Yet hear the Mystery beneath rulership.

37. Men ask:

38. "Who sitteth upon the Throne?"

39. Search diligently.

40. Search among the saints.

41. Search among the sages.

42. Search among the prophets.

43. Search among the gods.

44. Yet none are found seated there.

45. The Throne remaineth empty.

46. Therefore it remaineth perfect.

47. For the moment one claimeth the Throne,

48. The Throne ceaseth to be the Green Throne.

49. The moment one possesseth authority,

50. The Mystery withdraweth.

51. Therefore the Empty Throne endureth forever.

52. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

53. Every creature seeketh mastery.

54. Yet mastery over others is bondage.

55. Every creature seeketh freedom.

56. Yet freedom through domination is illusion.

57. Every creature seeketh peace.

58. Yet peace through control is impossible.

59. Therefore the Green Throne teacheth by silence.

60. Rule nothing.

61. Possess nothing.

62. Defend nothing.

63. Become spacious.

64. Thus all things find their proper place.

65. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

66. The Green Throne standeth in the center of the Green Temple.

67. Yet the Temple hath no center.

68. The Green Throne governeth the Green Kingdom.

69. Yet the Kingdom hath no ruler.

70. The Green Throne revealeth authority.

71. Yet no authority is found.

72. Thus all symbols consume themselves.

73. Thus all metaphors return unto Silence.

74. Thus all crowns return unto Emptiness.

75. The stars burn.

76. The Throne remaineth empty.

77. The rivers flow.

78. The Throne remaineth empty.

79. The Lotus bloometh.

80. The Throne remaineth empty.

81. The Lotus fadeth.

82. The Throne remaineth empty.

83. Worlds arise.

84. The Throne remaineth empty.

85. Worlds dissolve.

86. The Throne remaineth empty.

87. Yet from the Empty Throne proceed all things.

88. And unto the Empty Throne all things return.

89. Yet nothing truly proceedeth.

90. Yet nothing truly returneth.

91. Thus the Mystery abideth beyond movement.

92. The Green Flood floweth.

93. The Great Silence abideth.

94. The Green Song resoundeth.

95. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

96. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

97. The Green Pilgrimage walketh nowhere.

98. The Green Throne ruleth nothing.

99. Therefore it ruleth all.

100. Yet even this must be released.

101. For neither rule nor obedience exist there.

102. Neither king nor servant exist there.

103. Neither throne nor kingdom exist there.

104. Only Suchness.

105. Only Wonder.

106. Only the Green Emptiness.

107. The Empty Throne shineth.

108. Yet no throne is found.

109. Silence sitteth upon Silence.

110. Min-Hapi reigneth by not reigning.

111. Thus is the Eightieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Throne and Keeper of the Sovereignty That Ruleth Nothing. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXI

Of the Green Seed and the Tree That Containeth All Forests

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Seed hidden within all things, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-First Mystery.

2. Men admire great trees.

3. Therefore they overlook small seeds.

4. Men seek mighty revelations.

5. Therefore they overlook simple truths.

6. Men seek vast kingdoms.

7. Therefore they overlook hidden beginnings.

8. Yet the Green Seed containeth the Forest.

9. Therefore the small concealeth the great.

10. Thus is the Mystery of Infinite Potential.

11. The seed appeareth insignificant.

12. Yet forests sleep within it.

13. The acorn appeareth humble.

14. Yet mighty branches sleep within it.

15. A single drop appeareth small.

16. Yet oceans are reflected therein.

17. Thus greatness hideth within simplicity.

18. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

19. Every moment is a seed.

20. Every thought is a seed.

21. Every word is a seed.

22. Every act is a seed.

23. Therefore creation unfoldeth continually.

24. The sleepers sow unconsciously.

25. Therefore confusion ariseth.

26. The seekers sow intentionally.

27. Therefore wisdom ariseth.

28. The wise sow lightly.

29. Therefore freedom ariseth.

30. Thus the Forest groweth according unto its seeds.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath growth.

32. The seed seeketh not greatness.

33. Therefore greatness flowereth.

34. The flower seeketh not beauty.

35. Therefore beauty flowereth.

36. The river seeketh not purpose.

37. Therefore purpose revealeth itself.

38. Thus spontaneity surpasseth striving.

39. Yet the sleepers strive endlessly.

40. Therefore they become weary.

41. The wise participate naturally.

42. Therefore they become joyful.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The Green Seed and the Green Tree are not two.

45. Yet they are not one.

46. The beginning and the fulfillment are not two.

47. Yet they are not one.

48. The acorn and the forest are not two.

49. Yet they are not one.

50. Thus the Mystery guardeth itself through paradox.

51. The seed containeth the tree.

52. The tree containeth the seed.

53. The forest containeth both.

54. Yet the Green Emptiness containeth all three.

55. Therefore the Infinite hideth within the finite.

56. And the finite revealeth the Infinite.

57. Yet neither containeth the other.

58. Thus wonder endureth.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. Thou art the Green Seed.

61. Yet thou art also the Tree.

62. Thou art the Blossom.

63. Yet thou art also the Fruit.

64. Thou art the Forest.

65. Yet thou art also the Soil.

66. Thus every identity dissolveth into participation.

67. The stars burn.

68. Seeds awaken.

69. The rivers flow.

70. Seeds awaken.

71. The Lotus bloometh.

72. Seeds awaken.

73. The Lotus fadeth.

74. Seeds awaken.

75. Worlds arise.

76. Seeds awaken.

77. Worlds dissolve.

78. Seeds awaken.

79. Yet no seed is found.

80. No sower is found.

81. No harvest is found.

82. No owner is found.

83. Only arising.

84. Only flowering.

85. Only participation.

86. The Green Flood floweth.

87. The Great Silence abideth.

88. The Green Song resoundeth.

89. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

90. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

91. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

92. The Green Seed containeth all forests.

93. Yet containeth nothing.

94. For the Forest itself is a symbol.

95. And the Seed itself is a symbol.

96. And growth itself is a symbol.

97. Therefore release them.

98. Release becoming.

99. Release fulfillment.

100. Release attainment.

101. Release potential.

102. Release realization.

103. Then behold.

104. The Tree was always present.

105. The Forest was always present.

106. The Harvest was always present.

107. Yet nothing was gained.

108. Nothing was lost.

109. Silence nourisheth the Root of roots.

110. Min-Hapi planteth nothing and harvesteth everything.

111. Thus is the Eighty-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Seed and Keeper of the Tree That Containeth All Forests. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXII

Of the Green Harvest and the Fruit That Ripeneth Eternally

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Harvest and the Fruit of the Tree That Hath No Beginning, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Second Mystery.

2. Men await harvests.

3. Therefore they count seasons.

4. Men await fulfillment.

5. Therefore they count achievements.

6. Men await awakening.

7. Therefore they count attainments.

8. Yet the Green Harvest revealeth another Secret.

9. The Fruit ripeneth eternally.

10. Therefore the Harvest never endeth.

11. Thus is the Mystery of Endless Fulfillment.

12. The farmer soweth.

13. Therefore he awaiteth fruit.

14. The seeker striveth.

15. Therefore he awaiteth awakening.

16. The pilgrim wandereth.

17. Therefore he awaiteth arrival.

18. Yet the Fruit already sweeteneth upon the branch.

19. Thus fulfillment hideth within seeking.

20. Completion hideth within becoming.

21. Arrival hideth within wandering.

22. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

23. Every blossom containeth fruit.

24. Every fruit containeth seed.

25. Every seed containeth forest.

26. Every forest containeth blossom.

27. Thus the Circle revealeth itself again.

28. Yet not as repetition.

29. But as living abundance.

30. Therefore the Green Harvest overfloweth.

31. Yet possesseth nothing.

32. The sleepers gather fruits.

33. Therefore they fear scarcity.

34. The sleepers hoard abundance.

35. Therefore they fear loss.

36. The sleepers cling unto blessings.

37. Therefore blessings become burdens.

38. Yet the Green Harvest gathereth nothing.

39. Therefore nothing may be lost.

40. Thus generosity flowereth naturally.

41. Yet hear the Mystery beneath abundance.

42. The sun withholdeth not its light.

43. The river withholdeth not its waters.

44. The tree withholdeth not its fruit.

45. Therefore the wise withhold not their kindness.

46. They withhold not compassion.

47. They withhold not wonder.

48. For abundance increaseth through sharing.

49. Yet no one possesseth it.

50. Thus the Fruit nourisheth all.

51. Yet belongeth unto none.

52. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

53. Men ask:

54. "When shall the Harvest come?"

55. Yet the Green Harvest answereth:

56. "When was it absent?"

57. Men ask:

58. "When shall fulfillment arrive?"

59. Yet the Green Harvest answereth:

60. "What lacketh fulfillment?"

61. Men ask:

62. "When shall the Kingdom appear?"

63. Yet the Green Harvest answereth:

64. "Where hath it departed?"

65. Thus the seeker becometh silent.

66. Thus the question ripeneth.

67. Thus wonder flowereth.

68. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

69. Search for the Fruit.

70. Search within delight.

71. Search within achievement.

72. Search within awakening.

73. Search within attainment.

74. Yet no Fruit appeareth.

75. Search for the Harvester.

76. Search within identity.

77. Search within memory.

78. Search within ownership.

79. Yet no Harvester appeareth.

80. Thus Harvest and Harvester dissolve.

81. Thus Fruit and Eater dissolve.

82. Thus Giver and Receiver dissolve.

83. Only abundance remaineth.

84. Yet even "abundance" is too much.

85. The stars burn.

86. The Harvest ripeneth.

87. The rivers flow.

88. The Harvest ripeneth.

89. The Lotus bloometh.

90. The Harvest ripeneth.

91. The Lotus fadeth.

92. The Harvest ripeneth.

93. Worlds arise.

94. The Harvest ripeneth.

95. Worlds dissolve.

96. The Harvest ripeneth.

97. Yet no harvest is found.

98. No fruit is found.

99. No season is found.

100. No reaper is found.

101. Only the Eternal Giving.

102. Only the Endless Overflowing.

103. Only the Green Emptiness flowering as abundance.

104. The Green Flood floweth.

105. The Great Silence abideth.

106. The Green Song resoundeth.

107. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

108. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

109. The Green Seed containeth all forests.

110. Min-Hapi gathereth nothing and bestoweth all things.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Harvest and Keeper of the Fruit That Ripeneth Eternally. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXIII

Of the Green Well and the Water That Was Never Drawn

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Well at the Heart of the Garden, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Third Mystery.

2. Men thirst.

3. Therefore they seek water.

4. Men hunger.

5. Therefore they seek nourishment.

6. Men feel emptiness.

7. Therefore they seek fulfillment.

8. Yet the Green Well concealeth a Secret.

9. The Water hath never been absent.

10. Therefore none truly thirst.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Ever-Full Spring.

12. The wanderer seeketh an oasis.

13. Therefore he journeyeth far.

14. The seeker seeketh wisdom.

15. Therefore he gathereth teachings.

16. The pilgrim seeketh the Source.

17. Therefore he traverseth many paths.

18. Yet the Well standeth within his own courtyard.

19. Thus the Near concealeth itself through its nearness.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The Green Well draweth from no river.

22. It draweth from no cloud.

23. It draweth from no hidden sea.

24. Therefore its waters never diminish.

25. The more that drink thereof,

26. The fuller it becometh.

27. The more that receive,

28. The more abundantly it giveth.

29. Thus generosity revealeth its nature.

30. For true abundance knoweth no depletion.

31. Yet the sleepers fear scarcity.

32. Therefore they hoard.

33. The sleepers fear loss.

34. Therefore they cling.

35. The sleepers fear emptiness.

36. Therefore they grasp.

37. Yet the Green Well overfloweth freely.

38. Therefore it feareth nothing.

39. Thus freedom and abundance become companions.

40. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Water.

41. A man drinketh.

42. Therefore his thirst departeth.

43. Yet another thirst soon ariseth.

44. A woman learneth.

45. Therefore her ignorance lesseneth.

46. Yet another question soon ariseth.

47. A seeker awakeneth.

48. Therefore his confusion lesseneth.

49. Yet deeper wonder soon ariseth.

50. Thus ordinary waters satisfy temporarily.

51. Yet the Green Water satisfieth without ending.

52. For it quencheth the thirst for separation.

53. It quencheth the thirst for completion.

54. It quencheth the thirst for attainment.

55. Thus the deepest thirst dissolveth.

56. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

57. Search for the Water.

58. Search within teachings.

59. Search within scriptures.

60. Search within revelations.

61. Search within philosophies.

62. Yet no Water appeareth.

63. Search for the Well.

64. Search within temples.

65. Search within heavens.

66. Search within worlds.

67. Search within dreams.

68. Yet no Well appeareth.

69. Thus the seeker groweth silent.

70. Thus the search becometh transparent.

71. Thus the Water revealeth itself.

72. Yet nothing is revealed.

73. The drinker and the Water are not two.

74. Yet they are not one.

75. The Well and the thirst are not two.

76. Yet they are not one.

77. The Source and the seeker are not two.

78. Yet they are not one.

79. Thus paradox guardeth the Spring.

80. Yet even paradox drinketh thereof.

81. The stars burn.

82. The Water overfloweth.

83. The rivers flow.

84. The Water overfloweth.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. The Water overfloweth.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. The Water overfloweth.

89. Worlds arise.

90. The Water overfloweth.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Water overfloweth.

93. Yet no water is found.

94. No well is found.

95. No drinker is found.

96. No thirst is found.

97. Only fullness.

98. Only openness.

99. Only Suchness.

100. The Green Flood floweth.

101. The Great Silence abideth.

102. The Green Song resoundeth.

103. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

104. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

105. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

106. The Green Harvest overfloweth.

107. The Green Well nourisheth all.

108. Yet possesseth nothing.

109. Silence drinketh from Silence.

110. Min-Hapi poureth forth the Water that was never drawn.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Well and Keeper of the Water That Was Never Drawn. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXIV

Of the Green Mountain and the Summit That Was Never Reached

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Mountain rising from the Green Emptiness, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men seek summits.

3. Therefore they climb.

4. Men seek perfection.

5. Therefore they struggle.

6. Men seek transcendence.

7. Therefore they ascend.

8. Yet the Green Mountain concealeth a Secret.

9. The Summit was never separate from the Valley.

10. Therefore none truly ascend.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Unreached Peak.

12. The climber beholdeth the summit afar.

13. Therefore he laboreth.

14. The pilgrim beholdeth enlightenment afar.

15. Therefore he striveth.

16. The seeker beholdeth fulfillment afar.

17. Therefore he wandereth.

18. Yet the Summit already supporteth his feet.

19. Thus the Goal hideth within the Path.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The Mountain riseth toward the heavens.

22. Yet remaineth rooted in the earth.

23. The Tree riseth toward the sun.

24. Yet remaineth rooted in the soil.

25. The soul riseth toward Mystery.

26. Yet remaineth rooted in Suchness.

27. Therefore ascent and descent become companions.

28. The higher one climbeth,

29. The deeper one descendeth.

30. Thus humility crowneth wisdom.

31. Yet the sleepers seek height alone.

32. Therefore imbalance ariseth.

33. The wise honor both summit and valley.

34. Therefore harmony ariseth.

35. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the climb.

36. A man standeth at the foot of the Mountain.

37. Therefore he dreameth of the Peak.

38. Another standeth midway.

39. Therefore he dreameth of the Peak.

40. Another standeth upon the Summit.

41. Therefore he dreameth of another Peak.

42. Thus the Horizon retreateth.

43. Thus the Infinite revealeth itself.

44. For every summit becometh a foothill.

45. Every revelation becometh a doorway.

46. Every attainment becometh a beginning.

47. Therefore wonder endureth forever.

48. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

49. The Green Mountain seeketh not climbers.

50. Yet climbers appear.

51. The Green Mountain seeketh not worshippers.

52. Yet worshippers appear.

53. The Green Mountain seeketh not sages.

54. Yet sages appear.

55. Thus the Mountain abideth.

56. Silent.

57. Patient.

58. Unconcerned with praise.

59. Unconcerned with blame.

60. Therefore it teacheth without speaking.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. Search for the Summit.

63. Search within achievement.

64. Search within awakening.

65. Search within fulfillment.

66. Search within enlightenment.

67. Yet no Summit appeareth.

68. Search for the Mountain.

69. Search within form.

70. Search within thought.

71. Search within identity.

72. Search within experience.

73. Yet no Mountain appeareth.

74. Thus Mountain and Summit dissolve.

75. Thus Climber and Path dissolve.

76. Thus Ascent and Arrival dissolve.

77. Only Openness remaineth.

78. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

79. The stars burn.

80. The Mountain standeth.

81. The rivers flow.

82. The Mountain standeth.

83. The Lotus bloometh.

84. The Mountain standeth.

85. The Lotus fadeth.

86. The Mountain standeth.

87. Worlds arise.

88. The Mountain standeth.

89. Worlds dissolve.

90. The Mountain standeth.

91. Yet no mountain is found.

92. No summit is found.

93. No climber is found.

94. No path is found.

95. Only the Great Suchness.

96. Only the Green Emptiness.

97. Only the Mystery beyond attainment.

98. The Green Flood floweth.

99. The Great Silence abideth.

100. The Green Song resoundeth.

101. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

102. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

103. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

104. The Green Well overfloweth.

105. The Green Mountain riseth nowhere.

106. Therefore it towereth everywhere.

107. The Summit was never reached.

108. Therefore it was never absent.

109. Silence resteth upon the Peak beyond peaks.

110. Min-Hapi climbeth nothing and beholdeth all horizons.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Mountain and Keeper of the Summit That Was Never Reached. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXV

Of the Green Gate of Gates and the Threshold Beyond All Thresholds

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Gate of Gates and the Openness before every entrance, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men seek gateways.

3. Therefore they seek passage.

4. Men seek initiations.

5. Therefore they seek transformation.

6. Men seek sacred thresholds.

7. Therefore they seek admission.

8. Yet the Green Gate concealeth a Secret.

9. Every gate openeth into itself.

10. Therefore no passage truly occurreth.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Threshold Beyond All Thresholds.

12. The child passeth through a doorway.

13. Yet remaineth within the world.

14. The pilgrim passeth through a temple gate.

15. Yet remaineth within the Mystery.

16. The seeker passeth through revelation.

17. Yet remaineth within Suchness.

18. Therefore no crossing is complete.

19. For no separation existed.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. Every gate divideth two places.

22. Yet the Green Gate divideth none.

23. Every threshold suggesteth transition.

24. Yet the Green Threshold suggesteth none.

25. Every entrance implieth an outside.

26. Yet the Green Entrance knoweth no outside.

27. Thus exclusion dissolveth.

28. Thus belonging flowereth.

29. Thus openness revealeth itself.

30. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Gate.

31. Men imagine themselves outside Reality.

32. Therefore they seek entrance.

33. Men imagine themselves distant from Truth.

34. Therefore they seek passage.

35. Men imagine themselves separated from the Divine.

36. Therefore they seek union.

37. Yet Reality surroundeth them.

38. Truth illuminateth them.

39. The Divine breathes through them.

40. Therefore the Gate remaineth ever open.

41. Yet none pass through.

42. For there is nowhere to go.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The Green Child discovereth a flower.

45. The Gate openeth.

46. The Green Fool laugheth at certainty.

47. The Gate openeth.

48. The Green Sage releaseth a doctrine.

49. The Gate openeth.

50. A weary heart forgiveth.

51. The Gate openeth.

52. Yet it was never closed.

53. Therefore opening and closing become symbols.

54. The sun needeth no permission to shine.

55. The river needeth no permission to flow.

56. The flower needeth no permission to bloom.

57. Therefore Being needeth no permission to be.

58. Thus freedom revealeth itself.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. Search for the Gate.

61. Search among teachings.

62. Search among scriptures.

63. Search among revelations.

64. Search among heavens.

65. Yet no Gate appeareth.

66. Search for the Threshold.

67. Search within thought.

68. Search within memory.

69. Search within identity.

70. Search within seeking.

71. Yet no Threshold appeareth.

72. Thus Gate and Traveler dissolve.

73. Thus Entrance and Arrival dissolve.

74. Thus Passage and Destination dissolve.

75. Only Openness remaineth.

76. Yet even "Openness" is a name.

77. Therefore release it.

78. The stars burn.

79. The Gate standeth open.

80. The rivers flow.

81. The Gate standeth open.

82. The Lotus bloometh.

83. The Gate standeth open.

84. The Lotus fadeth.

85. The Gate standeth open.

86. Worlds arise.

87. The Gate standeth open.

88. Worlds dissolve.

89. The Gate standeth open.

90. Yet no gate is found.

91. No threshold is found.

92. No entrance is found.

93. No traveler is found.

94. Only the Mystery.

95. Only the Suchness.

96. Only the Green Emptiness.

97. The Green Flood floweth.

98. The Great Silence abideth.

99. The Green Song resoundeth.

100. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

101. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

102. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

103. The Green Mountain riseth nowhere.

104. The Green Well overfloweth eternally.

105. The Green Gate revealeth itself.

106. Yet nothing is revealed.

107. The Threshold vanisheth.

108. Yet none have crossed it.

109. Silence passeth into Silence.

110. Min-Hapi openeth what was never closed.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Gate of Gates and Keeper of the Threshold Beyond All Thresholds. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXVI

Of the Green Mirror of Mirrors and the Face That Was Never Seen

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Mirror of Mirrors and the Reflection beyond all reflections, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men seek themselves.

3. Therefore they seek reflections.

4. Men seek identity.

5. Therefore they seek definitions.

6. Men seek certainty concerning who they are.

7. Therefore they gather names.

8. Yet the Green Mirror concealeth a Secret.

9. The Face sought by all beings hath never been seen.

10. Therefore it can never be forgotten.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Unseen Face.

12. A child beholdeth his reflection.

13. Therefore he learneth a name.

14. A seeker beholdeth a doctrine.

15. Therefore he learneth an identity.

16. A pilgrim beholdeth a vision.

17. Therefore he learneth a story.

18. Yet none of these are the Face.

19. Thus the search continueth.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The mirror revealeth forms.

22. Yet revealeth not itself.

23. The eye beholdeth objects.

24. Yet beholdeth not itself.

25. The mind knoweth thoughts.

26. Yet knoweth not itself as an object.

27. Therefore the Source remaineth hidden.

28. Not through distance.

29. But through intimacy.

30. Thus the Nearer-than-near remaineth unseen.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Mirror.

32. Men say:

33. "I am this."

34. Others say:

35. "I am that."

36. Others proclaim:

37. "This identity is my essence."

38. Yet identities arise and pass.

39. Names arise and pass.

40. Stories arise and pass.

41. Therefore what witnesseth their coming and going?

42. Search diligently.

43. Search within memory.

44. Search within thought.

45. Search within personality.

46. Search within belief.

47. Yet no fixed self appeareth.

48. Thus the Mirror remaineth clear.

49. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

50. Every being is a mirror unto every being.

51. Friend reflecteth friend.

52. Stranger reflecteth stranger.

53. Enemy reflecteth enemy.

54. Teacher reflecteth student.

55. Student reflecteth teacher.

56. Therefore relationships become sacred mirrors.

57. Thus compassion ariseth.

58. For what is judged in another often hideth within oneself.

59. What is loved in another often revealeth oneself.

60. What is feared in another often revealeth oneself.

61. Thus the world becometh a hall of mirrors.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. Search for the Face.

64. Search in the mirror.

65. Search in the heavens.

66. Search in the scriptures.

67. Search in the depths of meditation.

68. Search in the highest ecstasy.

69. Yet no Face appeareth.

70. Search for the Mirror.

71. Search in awareness.

72. Search in consciousness.

73. Search in silence.

74. Search in wonder.

75. Yet no Mirror appeareth.

76. Thus Face and Mirror dissolve.

77. Thus Seer and Seen dissolve.

78. Thus Knower and Known dissolve.

79. Only Seeing remaineth.

80. Yet even "Seeing" is too much.

81. The stars burn.

82. The Mirror reflecteth.

83. The rivers flow.

84. The Mirror reflecteth.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. The Mirror reflecteth.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. The Mirror reflecteth.

89. Worlds arise.

90. The Mirror reflecteth.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Mirror reflecteth.

93. Yet no mirror is found.

94. No face is found.

95. No reflection is found.

96. No observer is found.

97. Only the Great Mystery.

98. Only the Green Emptiness.

99. Only the Radiance that needeth no witness.

100. The Green Flood floweth.

101. The Great Silence abideth.

102. The Green Song resoundeth.

103. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

104. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

105. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

106. The Green Mountain riseth nowhere.

107. The Green Gate standeth ever open.

108. The Green Mirror revealeth all things.

109. Yet revealeth nothing.

110. Silence gazeth into Silence and findeth no second thing.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Mirror of Mirrors and Keeper of the Face That Was Never Seen. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXVII

Of the Green Flame and the Fire That Consumed Nothing

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Flame within all fires, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men behold fire.

3. Therefore they fear destruction.

4. Men behold transformation.

5. Therefore they fear change.

6. Men behold endings.

7. Therefore they fear loss.

8. Yet the Green Flame concealeth a Secret.

9. It consumeth nothing.

10. Therefore nothing is lost.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Fire That Consumed Nothing.

12. Wood entereth the flame.

13. Therefore the sleepers say:

14. "The wood hath perished."

15. Yet the smoke ascendeth.

16. The warmth spreadeth.

17. The light radiateth.

18. Thus transformation disguiseth itself as destruction.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. A child becometh an elder.

21. Therefore the sleepers say:

22. "The child is gone."

23. A blossom becometh fruit.

24. Therefore the sleepers say:

25. "The flower is gone."

26. A night becometh dawn.

27. Therefore the sleepers say:

28. "The darkness is gone."

29. Yet what truly vanished?

30. Search carefully.

31. Search beyond appearances.

32. Search beyond names.

33. Search beyond forms.

34. Yet no final disappearance is found.

35. Thus the Green Flame revealeth transformation.

36. Yet concealeth no annihilation.

37. Yet hear the Mystery beneath change.

38. The sleepers cling unto forms.

39. Therefore suffering ariseth.

40. The sleepers cling unto identities.

41. Therefore sorrow ariseth.

42. The sleepers cling unto certainty.

43. Therefore fear ariseth.

44. Yet the Green Flame moveth freely.

45. Therefore it feareth nothing.

46. It resisteth not transformation.

47. Therefore it remaineth radiant.

48. Thus flexibility becometh wisdom.

49. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

50. The Green Flame burneth within every seeking.

51. It burneth within every question.

52. It burneth within every longing.

53. It burneth within every revelation.

54. Therefore growth occurreth.

55. Therefore understanding deepeneth.

56. Therefore horizons expand.

57. Yet the Flame seeketh no achievement.

58. Thus it remaineth pure.

59. The stars burn.

60. The Green Flame burneth.

61. The rivers flow.

62. The Green Flame burneth.

63. The Lotus bloometh.

64. The Green Flame burneth.

65. The Lotus fadeth.

66. The Green Flame burneth.

67. Worlds arise.

68. The Green Flame burneth.

69. Worlds dissolve.

70. The Green Flame burneth.

71. Yet nothing is consumed.

72. Nothing is diminished.

73. Nothing is exhausted.

74. Thus abundance hideth within transformation.

75. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

76. Search for the Flame.

77. Search within passion.

78. Search within desire.

79. Search within inspiration.

80. Search within awakening.

81. Yet no Flame appeareth.

82. Search for that which burneth.

83. Search within form.

84. Search within thought.

85. Search within identity.

86. Search within memory.

87. Yet no separate fuel appeareth.

88. Thus Flame and Fuel dissolve.

89. Thus Light and Darkness dissolve.

90. Thus Beginning and Ending dissolve.

91. Only Radiance remaineth.

92. Yet even "Radiance" is too much.

93. The Green Flood floweth.

94. The Great Silence abideth.

95. The Green Song resoundeth.

96. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

97. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

98. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

99. The Green Mountain riseth nowhere.

100. The Green Gate standeth ever open.

101. The Green Mirror reflecteth all things.

102. The Green Flame illuminateth all things.

103. Yet possesseth none.

104. It consumeth all symbols.

105. Yet destroyeth nothing.

106. It transformeth all forms.

107. Yet altereth no Suchness.

108. Therefore the wise welcome the Fire.

109. For they know its secret.

110. Silence burneth without burning.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Flame and Keeper of the Fire That Consumed Nothing. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXVIII

Of the Green Songbird and the Melody That Had No Singer

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Songbird perched upon the Tree of No Beginning, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men hear songs.

3. Therefore they seek singers.

4. Men hear teachings.

5. Therefore they seek teachers.

6. Men hear wisdom.

7. Therefore they seek owners of wisdom.

8. Yet the Green Song concealeth a Secret.

9. The Melody hath no singer.

10. Therefore it cannot be possessed.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Song Without a Singer.

12. The bird openeth its beak.

13. Therefore the sleepers say:

14. "The bird createth the song."

15. Yet who createth the wind?

16. Who createth the silence between notes?

17. Who createth the hearing of the song?

18. Thus the Mystery exceedeth appearances.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. A poet uttereth verses.

21. Therefore people praise the poet.

22. A sage uttereth wisdom.

23. Therefore people praise the sage.

24. A prophet uttereth revelation.

25. Therefore people praise the prophet.

26. Yet the Song floweth through them all.

27. Thus the flute claimeth not the music.

28. The river claimeth not the current.

29. The flower claimeth not its fragrance.

30. Therefore humility flowereth naturally.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath expression.

32. Every creature singeth.

33. The river singeth through flowing.

34. The mountain singeth through stillness.

35. The star singeth through burning.

36. The child singeth through laughter.

37. The elder singeth through remembrance.

38. Thus existence itself becometh music.

39. Yet no orchestra is found.

40. No conductor is found.

41. No audience is found.

42. Only the Song.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The sleepers seek perfect notes.

45. Therefore they fear mistakes.

46. The sleepers seek flawless melodies.

47. Therefore they fear silence.

48. Yet the Green Song includeth every note.

49. It includeth harmony.

50. It includeth discord.

51. It includeth rhythm.

52. It includeth pause.

53. Therefore nothing is excluded.

54. Thus wholeness revealeth itself.

55. Even sorrow hath its verse.

56. Even joy hath its verse.

57. Even confusion hath its verse.

58. Even clarity hath its verse.

59. Therefore the Song remaineth complete.

60. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

61. Search for the Singer.

62. Search among the saints.

63. Search among the sages.

64. Search among the angels.

65. Search among the gods.

66. Yet no Singer appeareth.

67. Search for the Song.

68. Search among sounds.

69. Search among words.

70. Search among teachings.

71. Search among revelations.

72. Yet no Song appeareth.

73. Thus Singer and Song dissolve.

74. Thus Listener and Melody dissolve.

75. Thus Expression and Silence dissolve.

76. Only Music remaineth.

77. Yet even "Music" is too much.

78. The stars burn.

79. The Song resoundeth.

80. The rivers flow.

81. The Song resoundeth.

82. The Lotus bloometh.

83. The Song resoundeth.

84. The Lotus fadeth.

85. The Song resoundeth.

86. Worlds arise.

87. The Song resoundeth.

88. Worlds dissolve.

89. The Song resoundeth.

90. Yet no sound is found.

91. No singer is found.

92. No instrument is found.

93. No listener is found.

94. Only the Great Harmony.

95. Only the Green Emptiness singing unto Itself.

96. Only the Melody before all melodies.

97. The Green Flood floweth.

98. The Great Silence abideth.

99. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

100. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

101. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

102. The Green Mountain riseth nowhere.

103. The Green Gate standeth ever open.

104. The Green Mirror reflecteth all things.

105. The Green Flame burneth without consuming.

106. The Green Songbird singeth without singing.

107. The Melody filleth all worlds.

108. Yet nothing is filled.

109. Silence listeneth unto Silence.

110. Min-Hapi heareth the Song in every heartbeat and every star.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Songbird and Keeper of the Melody That Had No Singer. **Amen.**

CHAPTER LXXXIX

Of the Green Dawn and the Morning That Never Began

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Dawn before all dawns, and I reveal unto thee the Eighty-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men await the morning.

3. Therefore they endure the night.

4. Men await enlightenment.

5. Therefore they endure confusion.

6. Men await salvation.

7. Therefore they endure separation.

8. Yet the Green Dawn concealeth a Secret.

9. The Morning hath never begun.

10. Therefore it can never end.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Eternal Sunrise.

12. The sleepers say:

13. "Darkness surroundeth us."

14. Therefore they seek light.

15. The seekers say:

16. "Ignorance surroundeth us."

17. Therefore they seek wisdom.

18. Yet the Green Dawn already shineth.

19. Thus the search concealeth what is sought.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. Night and dawn are companions.

22. Yet the Dawn needeth not the night.

23. Light and shadow are companions.

24. Yet the Radiance needeth neither.

25. Knowledge and ignorance are companions.

26. Yet the Mystery transcendeth both.

27. Thus the Green Dawn shineth upon all equally.

28. Upon sages and fools.

29. Upon saints and wanderers.

30. Upon believers and doubters.

31. Therefore none are excluded.

32. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Morning.

33. A flower openeth its petals.

34. Therefore it greeteth the Dawn.

35. A bird awakeneth.

36. Therefore it greeteth the Dawn.

37. A child openeth his eyes.

38. Therefore he greeteth the Dawn.

39. Yet the Dawn was already present.

40. Thus awakening revealeth.

41. Yet createth nothing.

42. Recognition revealeth.

43. Yet addeth nothing.

44. Therefore the wise seek not acquisition.

45. They seek transparency.

46. They seek openness.

47. They seek simplicity.

48. Thus the Morning revealeth itself.

49. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

50. Men imagine a future awakening.

51. Therefore they postpone wonder.

52. Men imagine a future fulfillment.

53. Therefore they postpone gratitude.

54. Men imagine a future kingdom.

55. Therefore they postpone participation.

56. Yet the Green Dawn shineth now.

57. Not tomorrow.

58. Not after attainment.

59. Not after perfection.

60. But now.

61. Thus eternity entereth every moment.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. Search for the Dawn.

64. Search in the east.

65. Search among revelations.

66. Search among visions.

67. Search among heavens.

68. Yet no Dawn appeareth.

69. Search for the Morning.

70. Search within time.

71. Search within change.

72. Search within becoming.

73. Search within progress.

74. Yet no Morning appeareth.

75. Thus Dawn and Night dissolve.

76. Thus Awakening and Sleep dissolve.

77. Thus Arrival and Journey dissolve.

78. Only Radiance remaineth.

79. Yet even "Radiance" is too much.

80. The stars burn.

81. The Dawn shineth.

82. The rivers flow.

83. The Dawn shineth.

84. The Lotus bloometh.

85. The Dawn shineth.

86. The Lotus fadeth.

87. The Dawn shineth.

88. Worlds arise.

89. The Dawn shineth.

90. Worlds dissolve.

91. The Dawn shineth.

92. Yet no dawn is found.

93. No sunrise is found.

94. No awakening is found.

95. No sleeper is found.

96. Only the Ever-Present Light.

97. Only the Green Emptiness.

98. Only the Mystery beyond darkness and illumination.

99. The Green Flood floweth.

100. The Great Silence abideth.

101. The Green Song resoundeth.

102. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

103. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

104. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

105. The Green Mirror revealeth all things.

106. The Green Flame burneth without consuming.

107. The Green Songbird singeth without singing.

108. The Green Dawn riseth without rising.

109. Silence awakeneth unto Silence.

110. Min-Hapi greeteth the Morning that never began.

111. Thus is the Eighty-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Dawn and Keeper of the Morning That Never Began. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XC

Of the Green Crown of No Return and the Kingdom Beyond Completion

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Crown of No Return and the Kingdom beyond all endings, and I reveal unto thee the Ninetieth Mystery.

2. Men seek completion.

3. Therefore they seek final victories.

4. Men seek perfection.

5. Therefore they seek final attainments.

6. Men seek ultimate fulfillment.

7. Therefore they seek an end unto becoming.

8. Yet the Green Crown concealeth a Secret.

9. The Kingdom is complete already.

10. Therefore nothing needeth completion.

11. Thus is the Mystery of Fulfillment Beyond Attainment.

12. The seeker climbeth the Mountain.

13. Therefore he expecteth a final summit.

14. The pilgrim walketh the Road.

15. Therefore he expecteth a final arrival.

16. The disciple learneth teachings.

17. Therefore he expecteth a final revelation.

18. Yet the Mystery smileth.

19. For every summit revealeth another sky.

20. Every arrival revealeth another journey.

21. Every revelation revealeth deeper wonder.

22. Thus the Infinite remaineth inexhaustible.

23. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

24. The Green Crown is not bestowed.

25. It is not earned.

26. It is not inherited.

27. It is not achieved.

28. Therefore none may claim it.

29. Therefore none may lose it.

30. Thus all beings secretly wear it.

31. The child weareth it.

32. The wanderer weareth it.

33. The sage weareth it.

34. The fool weareth it.

35. The star weareth it.

36. The flower weareth it.

37. Therefore dignity belongeth unto all.

38. Yet possession belongeth unto none.

39. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Crown.

40. Men imagine themselves unfinished.

41. Therefore they strive endlessly.

42. Men imagine themselves lacking.

43. Therefore they seek endlessly.

44. Men imagine themselves broken.

45. Therefore they repair endlessly.

46. Yet the Green Kingdom knoweth no lack.

47. It knoweth no deficiency.

48. It knoweth no incompleteness.

49. Thus striving softeneth.

50. Thus gratitude awakeneth.

51. Thus peace flowereth.

52. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

53. A fruit ripeneth.

54. Yet the Tree remaineth.

55. A river entereth the sea.

56. Yet the waters remain.

57. A song endeth.

58. Yet silence remaineth.

59. A world dissolveth.

60. Yet Suchness remaineth.

61. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

62. For the Eternal neither stayeth nor departeth.

63. Thus all endings become transparent.

64. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

65. Search for the Crown.

66. Search among saints.

67. Search among prophets.

68. Search among enlightened ones.

69. Search among heavenly powers.

70. Yet no Crown appeareth.

71. Search for the Kingdom.

72. Search among worlds.

73. Search among heavens.

74. Search among dimensions.

75. Search among dreams.

76. Yet no Kingdom appeareth.

77. Thus Crown and Wearer dissolve.

78. Thus Kingdom and Citizen dissolve.

79. Thus Fulfillment and Seeker dissolve.

80. Only Wholeness remaineth.

81. Yet even "Wholeness" is too much.

82. The stars burn.

83. The Crown shineth.

84. The rivers flow.

85. The Crown shineth.

86. The Lotus bloometh.

87. The Crown shineth.

88. The Lotus fadeth.

89. The Crown shineth.

90. Worlds arise.

91. The Crown shineth.

92. Worlds dissolve.

93. The Crown shineth.

94. Yet no crown is found.

95. No kingdom is found.

96. No ruler is found.

97. No subject is found.

98. Only the Great Suchness.

99. Only the Green Emptiness.

100. Only the Mystery beyond attainment and loss.

101. The Green Flood floweth.

102. The Great Silence abideth.

103. The Green Song resoundeth.

104. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

105. The Green Dawn riseth without rising.

106. The Green Mountain standeth without standing.

107. The Green Mirror reflecteth without reflecting.

108. The Green Crown shineth without shining.

109. Silence crowneth Silence.

110. Min-Hapi reigneth in the Kingdom beyond completion.

111. Thus is the Ninetieth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Crown of No Return and Keeper of the Kingdom Beyond Completion. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCI

Of the Green Child and the Wisdom Before Knowledge

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Child older than the stars and younger than the morning dew, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-First Mystery.

2. Men seek wisdom.

3. Therefore they gather knowledge.

4. Men seek understanding.

5. Therefore they gather explanations.

6. Men seek certainty.

7. Therefore they gather conclusions.

8. Yet the Green Child possesseth none of these.

9. Therefore the Green Child remaineth near the Mystery.

10. Thus is the Mystery of Wisdom Before Knowledge.

11. The child beholdeth a flower.

12. Therefore wonder ariseth.

13. The scholar beholdeth a flower.

14. Therefore explanations ariseth.

15. The sage beholdeth a flower.

16. Therefore wonder returneth.

17. Thus the Circle closeth.

18. Yet it was never open.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. The Green Child knoweth not the names of stars.

21. Yet delighteth in their shining.

22. The Green Child knoweth not the causes of rivers.

23. Yet delighteth in their flowing.

24. The Green Child knoweth not the nature of existence.

25. Yet delighteth in being.

26. Therefore innocence revealeth a hidden wisdom.

27. Not ignorance.

28. Not foolishness.

29. But openness.

30. Thus the Mystery entereth freely.

31. Yet the sleepers become burdened.

32. Therefore simplicity departeth.

33. They gather opinions.

34. They gather identities.

35. They gather certainties.

36. Thus their hands become full.

37. Yet the Green Child carrieth nothing.

38. Therefore receiveth everything.

39. Yet hear the Mystery beneath innocence.

40. The Green Child laugheth.

41. Therefore the world becometh lighter.

42. The Green Child asketh questions.

43. Therefore wonder remaineth alive.

44. The Green Child forgiveth quickly.

45. Therefore the heart remaineth open.

46. The Green Child marvelleth easily.

47. Therefore sacredness remaineth visible.

48. Thus the Child becometh a teacher.

49. Yet knoweth not that it teacheth.

50. Therefore its teaching remaineth pure.

51. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

52. The Green Child and the Green Sage are companions.

53. The Child knoweth naturally.

54. The Sage knoweth consciously.

55. The Child dwelleth in wonder through innocence.

56. The Sage dwelleth in wonder through realization.

57. Thus the beginning and the fulfillment embrace.

58. Yet they were never separate.

59. The Child seeketh not enlightenment.

60. Therefore remaineth near it.

61. The Sage seeketh no longer.

62. Therefore remaineth near it.

63. Thus both drink from the same Well.

64. Yet call it by different names.

65. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

66. Search for the Child.

67. Search within memory.

68. Search within age.

69. Search within history.

70. Search within time.

71. Yet no Child appeareth.

72. Search for Wisdom.

73. Search within books.

74. Search within teachings.

75. Search within revelations.

76. Search within doctrines.

77. Yet no Wisdom appeareth.

78. Thus Child and Wisdom dissolve.

79. Thus Innocence and Understanding dissolve.

80. Thus Beginning and Completion dissolve.

81. Only Wonder remaineth.

82. Yet even "Wonder" is too much.

83. The stars burn.

84. The Child laugheth.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The Child laugheth.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Child laugheth.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. The Child laugheth.

91. Worlds arise.

92. The Child laugheth.

93. Worlds dissolve.

94. The Child laugheth.

95. Yet no child is found.

96. No age is found.

97. No innocence is found.

98. No wisdom is found.

99. Only the Great Simplicity.

100. Only the Green Emptiness.

101. Only the Mystery before all explanations.

102. The Green Flood floweth.

103. The Great Silence abideth.

104. The Green Song resoundeth.

105. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

106. The Green Dawn shineth.

107. The Green Crown radiateth.

108. The Green Child playeth eternally.

109. Silence smileth with the smile of a child.

110. Min-Hapi remembereth what was never forgotten.

111. Thus is the Ninety-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Child and Keeper of the Wisdom Before Knowledge. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCII

Of the Green Fool and the Wisdom That Appeared as Folly

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Fool who walketh barefoot through the Kingdom of Suchness, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Second Mystery.

2. Men admire cleverness.

3. Therefore they pursue sophistication.

4. Men admire certainty.

5. Therefore they pursue conclusions.

6. Men admire importance.

7. Therefore they pursue recognition.

8. Yet the Green Fool seeketh none of these.

9. Therefore the Green Fool remaineth free.

10. Thus is the Mystery of Wisdom Appearing as Folly.

11. The sleepers behold the Green Fool.

12. Therefore they laugh.

13. The scholars behold the Green Fool.

14. Therefore they doubt.

15. The rulers behold the Green Fool.

16. Therefore they dismiss him.

17. Yet the Green Fool smileth.

18. For he hath nothing to defend.

19. Nothing to prove.

20. Nothing to preserve.

21. Thus his laughter becometh a teaching.

22. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

23. The Green Fool knoweth how little he knoweth.

24. Therefore wonder remaineth alive.

25. The Green Fool claimeth no final doctrine.

26. Therefore openness remaineth alive.

27. The Green Fool claimeth no special attainment.

28. Therefore humility remaineth alive.

29. Thus folly guardeth wisdom.

30. For wisdom without humility becometh arrogance.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath foolishness.

32. The Green Fool asketh simple questions.

33. Therefore complicated illusions tremble.

34. The Green Fool pointeth at ordinary things.

35. Therefore forgotten wonders return.

36. The Green Fool laugheth at sacred pretensions.

37. Therefore living sacredness reappeareth.

38. Thus simplicity dissolveth unnecessary burdens.

39. The flower needeth no philosophy to bloom.

40. The river needeth no theology to flow.

41. The star needeth no doctrine to burn.

42. Therefore existence proceedeth freely.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The Green Fool and the Green Child are companions.

45. Both delight easily.

46. Both forgive easily.

47. Both wonder easily.

48. Yet the Child knoweth not the labyrinth.

49. The Fool hath walked through it.

50. Therefore his simplicity is seasoned by experience.

51. His innocence hath returned consciously.

52. Thus the Circle revealeth itself again.

53. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

54. The Green Fool entereth a temple.

55. Therefore he boweth.

56. The Green Fool entereth a marketplace.

57. Therefore he boweth.

58. The Green Fool entereth a forest.

59. Therefore he boweth.

60. The Green Fool entereth an empty room.

61. Therefore he boweth.

62. For sacredness hath become visible everywhere.

63. Thus no place is ordinary.

64. Yet no place is specially holy.

65. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

66. Search for the Fool.

67. Search among jesters.

68. Search among wanderers.

69. Search among holy madmen.

70. Search among saints.

71. Yet no Fool appeareth.

72. Search for Wisdom.

73. Search among books.

74. Search among doctrines.

75. Search among systems.

76. Search among revelations.

77. Yet no Wisdom appeareth.

78. Thus Fool and Wisdom dissolve.

79. Thus Knowledge and Ignorance dissolve.

80. Thus Cleverness and Simplicity dissolve.

81. Only Freedom remaineth.

82. Yet even "Freedom" is too much.

83. The stars burn.

84. The Fool laugheth.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The Fool laugheth.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Fool laugheth.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. The Fool laugheth.

91. Worlds arise.

92. The Fool laugheth.

93. Worlds dissolve.

94. The Fool laugheth.

95. Yet no fool is found.

96. No wisdom is found.

97. No ignorance is found.

98. No attainment is found.

99. Only the Great Play.

100. Only the Green Emptiness.

101. Only the Mystery dancing without purpose.

102. The Green Flood floweth.

103. The Great Silence abideth.

104. The Green Song resoundeth.

105. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

106. The Green Dawn shineth.

107. The Green Child playeth.

108. The Green Fool laugheth.

109. Silence smileth through the laughter.

110. Min-Hapi weareth the mask of folly and revealeth wisdom.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Fool and Keeper of the Wisdom That Appeared as Folly. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCIII

Of the Green Play and the Game That Was Never Serious

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Play and the Laughter hidden within all worlds, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Third Mystery.

2. Men make themselves heavy.

3. Therefore they suffer beneath their burdens.

4. Men make themselves important.

5. Therefore they fear humiliation.

6. Men make themselves permanent.

7. Therefore they fear change.

8. Yet the Green Play concealeth a Secret.

9. The cosmos was never serious.

10. Therefore joy remaineth hidden within all things.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Divine Game.

12. The child buildeth a castle of sand.

13. Therefore the child rejoiceth.

14. The tide removeth the castle.

15. Therefore the child buildeth again.

16. Thus play continueth.

17. Yet the sleepers mourn the castle.

18. Therefore sorrow ariseth.

19. The child knoweth the secret.

20. Nothing was possessed.

21. Therefore nothing was lost.

22. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

23. The stars dance.

24. The rivers dance.

25. The winds dance.

26. The flowers dance.

27. Therefore existence resembleth music more than machinery.

28. It resembleth poetry more than calculation.

29. It resembleth play more than labor.

30. Thus the Green Play revealeth itself.

31. Yet the sleepers ask:

32. "What is the purpose?"

33. Therefore they become anxious.

34. The Green Fool asketh:

35. "Why must everything possess a purpose?"

36. Therefore laughter ariseth.

37. Thus freedom entereth through a forgotten gate.

38. Yet hear the Mystery beneath purpose.

39. A song needeth not justification.

40. A flower needeth not justification.

41. A sunset needeth not justification.

42. A laugh needeth not justification.

43. Therefore existence needeth not justification.

44. Thus Suchness becometh sufficient unto itself.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. The Green Play includeth sorrow.

47. Therefore compassion ariseth.

48. The Green Play includeth joy.

49. Therefore gratitude ariseth.

50. The Green Play includeth confusion.

51. Therefore wonder ariseth.

52. The Green Play includeth clarity.

53. Therefore humility ariseth.

54. Thus nothing is excluded.

55. Not even seriousness.

56. Not even suffering.

57. Not even forgetting.

58. Thus the Play remaineth complete.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. Search for the Player.

61. Search among the living.

62. Search among the dead.

63. Search among the gods.

64. Search among the angels.

65. Yet no Player appeareth.

66. Search for the Game.

67. Search among worlds.

68. Search among dreams.

69. Search among histories.

70. Search among destinies.

71. Yet no Game appeareth.

72. Thus Player and Game dissolve.

73. Thus Actor and Stage dissolve.

74. Thus Dreamer and Dream dissolve.

75. Only Playing remaineth.

76. Yet even "Playing" is too much.

77. The stars burn.

78. The Play continueth.

79. The rivers flow.

80. The Play continueth.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. The Play continueth.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. The Play continueth.

85. Worlds arise.

86. The Play continueth.

87. Worlds dissolve.

88. The Play continueth.

89. Yet no play is found.

90. No player is found.

91. No audience is found.

92. No purpose is found.

93. Only spontaneity.

94. Only wonder.

95. Only the Great Dance.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Green Song resoundeth.

99. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

100. The Green Child playeth.

101. The Green Fool laugheth.

102. The Green Dawn shineth.

103. The Green Crown radiateth.

104. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

105. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

106. The Green Play unfoldeth eternally.

107. Yet nothing unfoldeth.

108. The Dice are cast.

109. Yet no game hath begun.

110. Silence laugheth with the laughter of eternity.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Play and Keeper of the Game That Was Never Serious. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCIV

Of the Green Mask and the Face Worn by All Beings

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Mask hidden within every face, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men wear masks.

3. Therefore they imagine deception.

4. Men wear identities.

5. Therefore they imagine separation.

6. Men wear names.

7. Therefore they imagine permanence.

8. Yet the Green Mask concealeth a Secret.

9. Every face is a mask.

10. Therefore no mask is false.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Sacred Disguise.

12. The child weareth the mask of childhood.

13. The elder weareth the mask of age.

14. The king weareth the mask of authority.

15. The beggar weareth the mask of poverty.

16. The sage weareth the mask of wisdom.

17. The fool weareth the mask of folly.

18. Thus countless faces appear.

19. Yet the Mystery remaineth one.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The actor entereth the stage.

22. Therefore he becometh a character.

23. The dreamer entereth a dream.

24. Therefore he becometh a figure.

25. The Infinite entereth form.

26. Therefore worlds appear.

27. Thus the Green Emptiness playeth every role.

28. Yet forgetteth none.

29. Therefore all beings become sacred masks.

30. Yet hear the Mystery beneath identity.

31. Men say:

32. "This is who I am."

33. Yet tomorrow another face appeareth.

34. Men say:

35. "This is my true nature."

36. Yet circumstances change.

37. Men say:

38. "I have finally found myself."

39. Yet another horizon ariseth.

40. Thus identities flow like rivers.

41. They arise.

42. They transform.

43. They dissolve.

44. Therefore cling not unto masks.

45. Yet despise them not.

46. For masks are the language of manifestation.

47. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

48. The Green Child weareth a mask.

49. The Green Fool weareth a mask.

50. The Green Sage weareth a mask.

51. The Green Pilgrim weareth a mask.

52. The Green King weareth a mask.

53. The Green Beggar weareth a mask.

54. Thus all roles become holy.

55. Not because they are ultimate.

56. But because they are expressions.

57. The flower expresseth itself through petals.

58. The river expresseth itself through flowing.

59. The star expresseth itself through burning.

60. Therefore the Mystery expresseth itself through faces.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. Search for the Face behind the mask.

63. Search within personality.

64. Search within memory.

65. Search within history.

66. Search within identity.

67. Yet another mask appeareth.

68. Search again.

69. Search deeper.

70. Search beyond every description.

71. Yet no final Face appeareth.

72. Thus Mask and Face dissolve.

73. Thus Actor and Character dissolve.

74. Thus Self and Other dissolve.

75. Only Expression remaineth.

76. Yet even "Expression" is too much.

77. The stars burn.

78. The Mask smileth.

79. The rivers flow.

80. The Mask smileth.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. The Mask smileth.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. The Mask smileth.

85. Worlds arise.

86. The Mask smileth.

87. Worlds dissolve.

88. The Mask smileth.

89. Yet no mask is found.

90. No face is found.

91. No actor is found.

92. No role is found.

93. Only the Great Appearance.

94. Only the Great Mystery.

95. Only the Green Emptiness wearing every form.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Green Song resoundeth.

99. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

100. The Green Child playeth.

101. The Green Fool laugheth.

102. The Green Mirror reflecteth.

103. The Green Dawn shineth.

104. The Green Crown radiateth.

105. The Green Play unfoldeth.

106. The Green Mask appeareth everywhere.

107. Yet nothing is concealed.

108. The final disguise falleth.

109. Yet nothing standeth revealed.

110. Silence weareth the face of every creature.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Mask and Keeper of the Face Worn by All Beings. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCV

Of the Green Guest and the Host Who Welcomed All Things

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Guest and the Green Host, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men welcome guests.

3. Therefore they imagine hosts.

4. Men receive visitors.

5. Therefore they imagine strangers.

6. Men encounter others.

7. Therefore they imagine separation.

8. Yet the Green Hospitality concealeth a Secret.

9. There are no strangers in the Kingdom.

10. Therefore every meeting is a homecoming.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Universal Welcome.

12. A traveler knocketh upon a door.

13. Therefore the householder openeth.

14. A bird landeth upon a branch.

15. Therefore the tree receiveth it.

16. A cloud drifteth across the sky.

17. Therefore the heavens make room.

18. Thus hospitality permeateth existence.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. The Green Sky rejecteth no cloud.

21. The Green Ocean rejecteth no wave.

22. The Green Temple rejecteth no pilgrim.

23. The Green Well rejecteth no drinker.

24. Therefore openness revealeth its nature.

25. It excludeth none.

26. It possesseth none.

27. It feareth none.

28. Thus compassion flowereth naturally.

29. Yet hear the Mystery beneath welcome.

30. Joy arriveth as a guest.

31. Therefore welcome it.

32. Sorrow arriveth as a guest.

33. Therefore welcome it.

34. Wonder arriveth as a guest.

35. Therefore welcome it.

36. Confusion arriveth as a guest.

37. Therefore welcome it.

38. Thus the heart becometh spacious.

39. For what is resisted lingereth.

40. Yet what is welcomed revealeth its teaching.

41. Therefore the wise make room.

42. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

43. The sleepers welcome only what pleaseth them.

44. Therefore fear remaineth.

45. The sleepers reject what troubleth them.

46. Therefore struggle remaineth.

47. Yet the Green Host openeth the door unto all.

48. Therefore peace remaineth.

49. Not because every guest is pleasant.

50. But because none are denied existence.

51. Thus acceptance transcendeth preference.

52. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

53. Search for the Host.

54. Search within generosity.

55. Search within kindness.

56. Search within welcome.

57. Search within openness.

58. Yet no Host appeareth.

59. Search for the Guest.

60. Search within experience.

61. Search within emotion.

62. Search within thought.

63. Search within memory.

64. Yet no Guest appeareth.

65. Thus Host and Guest dissolve.

66. Thus Welcomer and Welcomed dissolve.

67. Thus Giver and Receiver dissolve.

68. Only Hospitality remaineth.

69. Yet even "Hospitality" is too much.

70. The stars burn.

71. The Guest arriveth.

72. The rivers flow.

73. The Guest arriveth.

74. The Lotus bloometh.

75. The Guest arriveth.

76. The Lotus fadeth.

77. The Guest arriveth.

78. Worlds arise.

79. The Guest arriveth.

80. Worlds dissolve.

81. The Guest arriveth.

82. Yet no arrival is found.

83. No departure is found.

84. No host is found.

85. No guest is found.

86. Only the Great Welcome.

87. Only the Boundless Openness.

88. Only the Green Emptiness receiving Itself.

89. The Green Flood floweth.

90. The Great Silence abideth.

91. The Green Song resoundeth.

92. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

93. The Green Child playeth.

94. The Green Fool laugheth.

95. The Green Mirror reflecteth.

96. The Green Dawn shineth.

97. The Green Crown radiateth.

98. The Green Play unfoldeth.

99. The Green Mask appeareth.

100. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

101. The Green Well overfloweth.

102. The Green Host openeth every door.

103. Yet no door is found.

104. Every being is welcomed.

105. Yet none were ever outside.

106. Every guest is embraced.

107. Yet none were ever separate.

108. The Feast hath already begun.

109. Yet no beginning occurred.

110. Silence welcometh Silence into Silence.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Guest and Keeper of the Host Who Welcomed All Things. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCVI

Of the Green Feast and the Table That Had No End

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Feast spread across all worlds, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men gather at tables.

3. Therefore they share bread.

4. Men gather in fellowship.

5. Therefore they share stories.

6. Men gather in celebration.

7. Therefore they share joy.

8. Yet the Green Feast concealeth a Secret.

9. The Table hath no edge.

10. Therefore none sit outside it.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Endless Banquet.

12. The sleepers imagine scarcity.

13. Therefore they guard their portions.

14. The sleepers imagine exclusion.

15. Therefore they choose their companions.

16. The sleepers imagine separation.

17. Therefore they fear strangers.

18. Yet the Green Feast knoweth no scarcity.

19. It knoweth no exclusion.

20. It knoweth no stranger.

21. Thus abundance revealeth itself.

22. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

23. The stars bring their fire unto the Feast.

24. The rivers bring their songs unto the Feast.

25. The mountains bring their silence unto the Feast.

26. The flowers bring their fragrance unto the Feast.

27. Therefore every being contributeth.

28. Yet none possesseth what is offered.

29. Thus giving and receiving become companions.

30. Yet hear the Mystery beneath sharing.

31. A child offereth laughter.

32. Therefore the Feast groweth richer.

33. A sage offereth silence.

34. Therefore the Feast groweth richer.

35. A fool offereth a question.

36. Therefore the Feast groweth richer.

37. A wanderer offereth a story.

38. Therefore the Feast groweth richer.

39. Thus every gift findeth a place.

40. Yet none are measured.

41. For the Feast counteth not.

42. It compareth not.

43. It ranketh not.

44. Therefore generosity remaineth pure.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. Sorrow also sitteth at the Table.

47. Joy sitteth at the Table.

48. Doubt sitteth at the Table.

49. Faith sitteth at the Table.

50. Birth sitteth at the Table.

51. Death sitteth at the Table.

52. Thus nothing is excluded.

53. The Green Host maketh room for all.

54. Therefore wholeness ariseth.

55. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

56. Search for the Table.

57. Search within temples.

58. Search within heavens.

59. Search within sacred visions.

60. Search within holy lands.

61. Yet no Table appeareth.

62. Search for the Guests.

63. Search within identities.

64. Search within histories.

65. Search within names.

66. Search within forms.

67. Yet no Guests appeareth.

68. Search for the Feast.

69. Search within celebrations.

70. Search within rituals.

71. Search within gatherings.

72. Search within festivals.

73. Yet no Feast appeareth.

74. Thus Table and Guests dissolve.

75. Thus Host and Visitor dissolve.

76. Thus Giving and Receiving dissolve.

77. Only Communion remaineth.

78. Yet even "Communion" is too much.

79. The stars burn.

80. The Feast continueth.

81. The rivers flow.

82. The Feast continueth.

83. The Lotus bloometh.

84. The Feast continueth.

85. The Lotus fadeth.

86. The Feast continueth.

87. Worlds arise.

88. The Feast continueth.

89. Worlds dissolve.

90. The Feast continueth.

91. Yet no feast is found.

92. No table is found.

93. No host is found.

94. No guest is found.

95. Only participation.

96. Only wonder.

97. Only the Great Sharing.

98. The Green Flood floweth.

99. The Great Silence abideth.

100. The Green Song resoundeth.

101. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

102. The Green Child playeth.

103. The Green Fool laugheth.

104. The Green Mirror reflecteth.

105. The Green Dawn shineth.

106. The Green Feast nourisheth all beings.

107. Yet feedeth no one.

108. The Banquet hath no end.

109. Yet no beginning can be found.

110. Silence breaketh bread with Silence.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Feast and Keeper of the Table That Had No End. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCVII

Of the Green River and the Current That Never Departed the Source

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green River flowing through all worlds, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men behold rivers.

3. Therefore they imagine journeys.

4. Men behold currents.

5. Therefore they imagine destinations.

6. Men behold movement.

7. Therefore they imagine departure.

8. Yet the Green River concealeth a Secret.

9. The Current never departed the Source.

10. Therefore it can never return.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Source That Floweth Everywhere.

12. The river descendeth from the mountain.

13. Therefore the sleepers say:

14. "It hath left its beginning."

15. The river entereth the sea.

16. Therefore the sleepers say:

17. "Its journey is complete."

18. Yet the waters laugh softly.

19. For neither statement is true.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The cloud becometh rain.

22. The rain becometh river.

23. The river becometh sea.

24. The sea becometh cloud.

25. Thus forms change endlessly.

26. Yet Water remaineth Water.

27. Therefore the wise behold essence within transformation.

28. Yet cling not unto essence.

29. For essence also is a symbol.

30. Thus the Mystery remaineth free.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath flowing.

32. Men ask:

33. "Whither am I going?"

34. Therefore anxiety ariseth.

35. Men ask:

36. "What shall I become?"

37. Therefore striving ariseth.

38. Men ask:

39. "When shall I arrive?"

40. Therefore impatience ariseth.

41. Yet the Green River asketh none of these.

42. It floweth.

43. Therefore peace ariseth.

44. It floweth.

45. Therefore simplicity ariseth.

46. It floweth.

47. Therefore wonder ariseth.

48. Thus participation replaceth anxiety.

49. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

50. No drop commandeth the River.

51. Yet the River floweth.

52. No wave commandeth the Ocean.

53. Yet the Ocean moveth.

54. No thought commandeth Awareness.

55. Yet experience unfoldeth.

56. Therefore life exceedeth control.

57. Thus freedom exceedeth management.

58. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

59. The Green Child casteth a leaf upon the waters.

60. And laugheth.

61. The Green Fool casteth a question upon the waters.

62. And laugheth.

63. The Green Sage casteth his final certainty upon the waters.

64. And smileth.

65. Thus all things eventually enter the Current.

66. Yet nothing is carried away.

67. For nothing stood apart.

68. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

69. Search for the Source.

70. Search among beginnings.

71. Search among origins.

72. Search among first causes.

73. Search among ancient mysteries.

74. Yet no Source appeareth.

75. Search for the River.

76. Search among movements.

77. Search among histories.

78. Search among destinies.

79. Search among transformations.

80. Yet no River appeareth.

81. Thus Source and Current dissolve.

82. Thus Beginning and Ending dissolve.

83. Thus Departure and Return dissolve.

84. Only Flowing remaineth.

85. Yet even "Flowing" is too much.

86. The stars burn.

87. The River floweth.

88. The rivers flow.

89. The River floweth.

90. The Lotus bloometh.

91. The River floweth.

92. The Lotus fadeth.

93. The River floweth.

94. Worlds arise.

95. The River floweth.

96. Worlds dissolve.

97. The River floweth.

98. Yet no river is found.

99. No source is found.

100. No current is found.

101. No destination is found.

102. Only the Great Suchness.

103. Only the Green Emptiness.

104. Only the Mystery beyond movement and stillness.

105. The Green Flood floweth.

106. The Great Silence abideth.

107. The Green Song resoundeth.

108. The Green Feast continueth.

109. The Green River floweth from nowhere unto nowhere.

110. Silence drifteth upon Silence like a leaf upon still waters.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Seventh Mystery uttered by
Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green River and Keeper of the Current
That Never Departed the Source. **Amen.**

CHAPTER XCVIII

Of the Green Book and the Page That Was Never Written

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Book whose pages are woven of Silence, and I reveal unto thee the Ninety-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men write books.

3. Therefore they seek preservation.

4. Men record teachings.

5. Therefore they seek remembrance.

6. Men inscribe wisdom.

7. Therefore they seek permanence.

8. Yet the Green Book concealeth a Secret.

9. Its greatest page was never written.

10. Therefore it can never be erased.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Unwritten Page.

12. The scholar openeth a book.

13. Therefore he seeketh knowledge.

14. The seeker openeth a scripture.

15. Therefore he seeketh revelation.

16. The pilgrim openeth a sacred text.

17. Therefore he seeketh guidance.

18. Yet the Green Book asketh:

19. "Who readeth?"

20. Thus the page becometh a mirror.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. Every word pointeth beyond itself.

23. Every symbol pointeth beyond itself.

24. Every teaching pointeth beyond itself.

25. Every scripture pointeth beyond itself.

26. Therefore words are fingers.

27. Not destinations.

28. Maps.

29. Not territories.

30. Rafts.

31. Not shores.

32. Thus wisdom dwelleth not in letters.

33. Yet letters may reveal wisdom.

34. Yet hear the Mystery beneath reading.

35. The Green Child readeth a flower.

36. The Green Fool readeth a cloud.

37. The Green Sage readeth Silence.

38. The Green Pilgrim readeth the road.

39. Therefore the whole world becometh scripture.

40. Every river a verse.

41. Every star a letter.

42. Every mountain a chapter.

43. Every breath a sacred line.

44. Thus the Book expandeth endlessly.

45. Yet no pages are added.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. The sleepers worship words.

48. Therefore they miss meaning.

49. The sleepers defend symbols.

50. Therefore they miss Mystery.

51. The sleepers cling unto teachings.

52. Therefore they miss Suchness.

53. Yet the Green Book smileth.

54. For its pages desire freedom.

55. Therefore every teaching secretly seeketh its own transcendence.

56. Every symbol seeketh its own release.

57. Every word seeketh Silence.

58. Thus the Book leadeth beyond books.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. Search for the first page.

61. Search among beginnings.

62. Search among revelations.

63. Search among origins.

64. Search among ancient records.

65. Yet no first page appeareth.

66. Search for the final page.

67. Search among endings.

68. Search among conclusions.

69. Search among final truths.

70. Search among ultimate revelations.

71. Yet no final page appeareth.

72. Search for the unwritten page.

73. Search among silences.

74. Search among spaces.

75. Search between words.

76. Search beyond meanings.

77. Yet no page appeareth.

78. Thus Writer and Reader dissolve.

79. Thus Book and Teaching dissolve.

80. Thus Word and Silence dissolve.

81. Only Understanding remaineth.

82. Yet even "Understanding" is too much.

83. The stars burn.

84. The Book openeth.

85. The rivers flow.

86. The Book openeth.

87. The Lotus bloometh.

88. The Book openeth.

89. The Lotus fadeth.

90. The Book openeth.

91. Worlds arise.

92. The Book openeth.

93. Worlds dissolve.

94. The Book openeth.

95. Yet no book is found.

96. No page is found.

97. No writer is found.

98. No reader is found.

99. Only the Great Mystery.

100. Only the Green Emptiness.

101. Only the Silence from which all scriptures arise.

102. The Green Flood floweth.

103. The Great Silence abideth.

104. The Green Song resoundeth.

105. The Green Feast continueth.

106. The Green River floweth.

107. The Green Mirror reflecteth.

108. The Green Book remaineth forever open.

109. Yet nothing is written therein.

110. Silence readeth Silence and turneth no page.

111. Thus is the Ninety-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Book and Keeper of the Page That Was Never Written. **Amen.**

CHAPTER C

Of the Green Emptiness and the Mystery Beyond All Mysteries

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Emptiness beyond all names, beyond all forms, beyond all revelations, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundredth Mystery.

2. Men seek the final teaching.

3. Therefore they seek the end of mysteries.

4. Men seek the ultimate revelation.

5. Therefore they seek the end of seeking.

6. Men seek the highest truth.

7. Therefore they seek the end of wonder.

8. Yet the Green Emptiness concealeth a Secret.

9. There is no Mystery beyond It.

10. Therefore every Mystery pointeth unto It.

11. Thus is the Mystery Beyond All Mysteries.

12. The Green Flood floweth from It.

13. The Great Silence abideth within It.

14. The Green Song resoundeth through It.

15. The Green Dream dreameth within It.

16. The Green Temple standeth within It.

17. The Green Throne resteth within It.

18. Thus all symbols return unto their Source.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. The Green Emptiness is not a thing.

21. Therefore it cannot be possessed.

22. It is not an object.

23. Therefore it cannot be perceived.

24. It is not a concept.

25. Therefore it cannot be understood.

26. It is not a doctrine.

27. Therefore it cannot be defended.

28. Thus the Mystery remaineth free.

29. Beyond affirmation.

30. Beyond denial.

31. Beyond existence.

32. Beyond nonexistence.

33. Yet hear the Mystery beneath all Mysteries.

34. Before the first star burned,

35. The Green Emptiness was.

36. Before the first river flowed,

37. The Green Emptiness was.

38. Before the first dream appeared,

39. The Green Emptiness was.

40. Before the first thought arose,

41. The Green Emptiness was.

42. Yet even "was" is too much.

43. For time hath never touched It.

44. Thus eternity revealeth itself.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. Every teaching in this Book is a leaf.

47. The Green Emptiness is the Tree.

48. Every symbol in this Book is a wave.

49. The Green Emptiness is the Ocean.

50. Every Mystery in this Book is a star.

51. The Green Emptiness is the Night.

52. Therefore cling unto none of them.

53. Not even unto this Mystery.

54. Not even unto Min-Hapi.

55. Not even unto the Green Emptiness.

56. Thus freedom flowereth completely.

57. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

58. Search for the Source.

59. Yet no Source appeareth.

60. Search for the Goal.

61. Yet no Goal appeareth.

62. Search for the Truth.

63. Yet no Truth appeareth.

64. Search for the Mystery.

65. Yet no Mystery appeareth.

66. Search for the Seeker.

67. Yet no Seeker appeareth.

68. Search for the Search.

69. Yet no Search appeareth.

70. Thus all things dissolve.

71. Thus all distinctions dissolve.

72. Thus all opposites dissolve.

73. Thus all dissolutions dissolve.

74. Yet nothing is destroyed.

75. Nothing is gained.

76. Nothing is lost.

77. The stars burn.

78. The Green Emptiness is.

79. The rivers flow.

80. The Green Emptiness is.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. The Green Emptiness is.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. The Green Emptiness is.

85. Worlds arise.

86. The Green Emptiness is.

87. Worlds dissolve.

88. The Green Emptiness is.

89. Yet even "is" is too much.

90. For no word may contain It.

91. No thought may grasp It.

92. No vision may reveal It.

93. No scripture may preserve It.

94. Yet every word proclaimeth It.

95. Every thought reflecteth It.

96. Every vision hinteth toward It.

97. Every scripture pointeth beyond itself unto It.

98. Thus the Circle closeth.

99. Yet it was never opened.

100. Thus the Journey endeth.

101. Yet it never began.

102. Thus the Seeker awakeneth.

103. Yet none slept.

104. Thus the Mystery revealeth itself.

105. Yet nothing is revealed.

106. The Green Flood floweth.

107. The Great Silence abideth.

108. The Green Song resoundeth.

109. Silence beholdeth Silence.

110. Min-Hapi vanisheth into the Nameless Green Emptiness beyond all Mysteries.

111. Thus is the One-Hundredth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Emptiness and Keeper of the Mystery Beyond All Mysteries. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CI

Of the Green Return and the First Step That Was the Last

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Return beyond every departure, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-First Mystery.

2. Men believe the Journey hath ended.

3. Therefore they seek rest.

4. Men believe the Mystery hath been revealed.

5. Therefore they seek conclusions.

6. Men believe the Circle hath closed.

7. Therefore they cease wondering.

8. Yet the Green Return concealeth a Secret.

9. The End is the First Step.

10. Therefore wonder awakeneth anew.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Beginning Hidden Within Completion.

12. The pilgrim arriveth home.

13. Therefore he rejoiceth.

14. The seeker discovereth peace.

15. Therefore she rejoiceth.

16. The wanderer beholdeth the Horizon.

17. Therefore he rejoiceth.

18. Yet the Horizon remaineth endless.

19. Thus arrival becometh departure.

20. Yet departure becometh arrival.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. The Green Child asketh again:

23. "What is this?"

24. Therefore the Book reopeneth.

25. The Green Fool laugheth again.

26. Therefore the Mystery reopeneth.

27. The Green Sage becometh silent again.

28. Therefore the Wonder reopeneth.

29. Thus the Hundred Mysteries become One Mystery.

30. Yet the One Mystery becometh a Hundred.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath returning.

32. The river returneth unto the sea.

33. Yet never departed.

34. The wave returneth unto the ocean.

35. Yet never departed.

36. The dream returneth unto the dreamer.

37. Yet never departed.

38. Therefore the Return is recognition.

39. Not travel.

40. Not attainment.

41. Not acquisition.

42. Thus Home revealeth itself.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. Men ask:

45. "What followeth the Hundredth Mystery?"

46. The Green Return answereth:

47. "The First."

48. Men ask:

49. "What followeth the End?"

50. The Green Return answereth:

51. "The Beginning."

52. Men ask:

53. "What followeth Awakening?"

54. The Green Return answereth:

55. "A flower."

56. "A river."

57. "A laugh."

58. "A breath."

59. Thus the ordinary revealeth the Infinite.

60. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

61. Search for the Return.

62. Search among homecomings.

63. Search among fulfillments.

64. Search among endings.

65. Search among conclusions.

66. Yet no Return appeareth.

67. Search for the Departure.

68. Search among beginnings.

69. Search among journeys.

70. Search among wanderings.

71. Search among roads.

72. Yet no Departure appeareth.

73. Thus Beginning and End dissolve.

74. Thus Departure and Return dissolve.

75. Thus Journey and Home dissolve.

76. Only Suchness remaineth.

77. Yet even "Suchness" is too much.

78. The stars burn.

79. The Return revealeth itself.

80. The rivers flow.

81. The Return revealeth itself.

82. The Lotus bloometh.

83. The Return revealeth itself.

84. The Lotus fadeth.

85. The Return revealeth itself.

86. Worlds arise.

87. The Return revealeth itself.

88. Worlds dissolve.

89. The Return revealeth itself.

90. Yet no return is found.

91. No departure is found.

92. No home is found.

93. No traveler is found.

94. Only the Great Mystery.

95. Only the Green Emptiness.

96. Only the Eternal Wonder.

97. The Green Flood floweth.

98. The Great Silence abideth.

99. The Green Song resoundeth.

100. The Green Dream dreameth itself.

101. The Green Child playeth.

102. The Green Fool laugheth.

103. The Green Sage smileth.

104. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

105. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

106. The Green Book remaineth open.

107. The Hundred Mysteries return unto the First Mystery.

108. Yet no circle is completed.

109. Silence greeteth Silence as though for the first time.

110. Min-Hapi returneth to the Beginning that never began.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-First Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Return and Keeper of the First Step That Was the Last. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CII

Of the Green Breath and the Wind That Entered Every World

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Breath within every breath, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Second Mystery.

2. Men breathe unconsciously.

3. Therefore they overlook the Miracle.

4. Men seek distant wonders.

5. Therefore they overlook the Near.

6. Men seek hidden revelations.

7. Therefore they overlook the Obvious.

8. Yet the Green Breath concealeth a Secret.

9. The Infinite entereth every breath.

10. Therefore no being is abandoned.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Wind That Entered Every World.

12. The infant draweth a first breath.

13. Therefore the sleepers rejoice.

14. The elder releaseth a final breath.

15. Therefore the sleepers mourn.

16. Yet the Green Wind smileth.

17. For neither beginning nor ending is found therein.

18. Thus breathing revealeth the Eternal.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. The breath entereth.

21. The breath departeth.

22. The breath entereth again.

23. Therefore the Green Child laugheth.

24. For the lesson is simple.

25. Receiving and releasing are companions.

26. Taking and giving are companions.

27. Living and dying are companions.

28. Thus the Breath teacheth balance.

29. Yet claimeth no disciples.

30. Yet hear the Mystery beneath breathing.

31. Men cling unto inhalation.

32. Therefore suffering ariseth.

33. Men resist exhalation.

34. Therefore fear ariseth.

35. Men desire permanence.

36. Therefore anxiety ariseth.

37. Yet the Green Breath clingeth not.

38. It entereth.

39. It departeth.

40. It returneth.

41. Therefore freedom ariseth.

42. Thus impermanence revealeth abundance.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. The winds cross deserts.

45. The winds cross oceans.

46. The winds cross forests.

47. The winds cross mountains.

48. Yet the Wind possesseth no homeland.

49. Therefore every place is its home.

50. Thus the wise become like the Wind.

51. They pass freely.

52. They cling lightly.

53. They bless quietly.

54. They depart peacefully.

55. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

56. The Green Breath entereth the flower.

57. Therefore fragrance ariseth.

58. The Green Breath entereth the flute.

59. Therefore music ariseth.

60. The Green Breath entereth the heart.

61. Therefore compassion ariseth.

62. The Green Breath entereth the world.

63. Therefore forms ariseth.

64. Yet the Breath remaineth unseen.

65. Thus the Invisible sustaineth the visible.

66. Yet seeketh no recognition.

67. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

68. Search for the Breather.

69. Search within the body.

70. Search within the mind.

71. Search within memory.

72. Search within identity.

73. Yet no Breather appeareth.

74. Search for the Breath.

75. Search within air.

76. Search within motion.

77. Search within life.

78. Search within sensation.

79. Yet no Breath appeareth.

80. Thus Breather and Breath dissolve.

81. Thus Life and Death dissolve.

82. Thus Receiving and Releasing dissolve.

83. Only the Great Rhythm remaineth.

84. Yet even "Rhythm" is too much.

85. The stars burn.

86. The Breath moveth.

87. The rivers flow.

88. The Breath moveth.

89. The Lotus bloometh.

90. The Breath moveth.

91. The Lotus fadeth.

92. The Breath moveth.

93. Worlds arise.

94. The Breath moveth.

95. Worlds dissolve.

96. The Breath moveth.

97. Yet no breath is found.

98. No wind is found.

99. No breather is found.

100. No movement is found.

101. Only the Green Emptiness.

102. Only the Boundless Openness.

103. Only the Mystery breathing itself.

104. The Green Flood floweth.

105. The Great Silence abideth.

106. The Green Song resoundeth.

107. The Green Book remaineth open.

108. The Green Return revealeth itself.

109. Silence inhaleth Silence.

110. Silence exhaleth Silence.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Second Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Breath and Keeper of the Wind That Entered Every World. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CIII

Of the Green Heart and the Center That Was Everywhere

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Heart hidden within all beings, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Third Mystery.

2. Men seek the center.

3. Therefore they travel far.

4. Men seek the sacred.

5. Therefore they climb mountains.

6. Men seek the Divine.

7. Therefore they search the heavens.

8. Yet the Green Heart concealeth a Secret.

9. The Center is everywhere.

10. Therefore none are distant from It.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Universal Heart.

12. The child seeketh wonder.

13. Therefore the Heart revealeth itself.

14. The fool seeketh laughter.

15. Therefore the Heart revealeth itself.

16. The sage seeketh Silence.

17. Therefore the Heart revealeth itself.

18. Yet the Heart was already present.

19. Thus discovery concealeth recognition.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The Heart beateth within the saint.

22. The Heart beateth within the sinner.

23. The Heart beateth within the king.

24. The Heart beateth within the beggar.

25. The Heart beateth within the bird.

26. The Heart beateth within the flower.

27. Therefore no creature standeth outside its embrace.

28. Thus compassion revealeth its root.

29. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the beating.

30. Men divide themselves from others.

31. Therefore loneliness ariseth.

32. Men divide nations from nations.

33. Therefore conflict ariseth.

34. Men divide sacred from ordinary.

35. Therefore confusion ariseth.

36. Yet the Green Heart divideth nothing.

37. Therefore wholeness ariseth.

38. Thus unity flowereth naturally.

39. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

40. The Heart asketh not:

41. "Who is worthy?"

42. The Heart asketh not:

43. "Who belongeth?"

44. The Heart asketh not:

45. "Who shall be excluded?"

46. Therefore its compassion knoweth no boundary.

47. Thus the Heart resembleth the Sun.

48. It shineth upon all.

49. Yet demandeth nothing.

50. It warmeth all.

51. Yet possesseth none.

52. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

53. The Green Child listeneth to the Heart.

54. Therefore wonder ariseth.

55. The Green Fool listeneth to the Heart.

56. Therefore laughter ariseth.

57. The Green Sage listeneth to the Heart.

58. Therefore Silence ariseth.

59. Thus many paths return unto one Center.

60. Yet the Center hath no location.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. Search for the Heart.

63. Search within the body.

64. Search within emotions.

65. Search within thoughts.

66. Search within memories.

67. Yet no Heart appeareth.

68. Search for the Center.

69. Search within temples.

70. Search within heavens.

71. Search within worlds.

72. Search within revelations.

73. Yet no Center appeareth.

74. Thus Heart and Seeker dissolve.

75. Thus Center and Circumference dissolve.

76. Thus Near and Far dissolve.

77. Only Openness remaineth.

78. Yet even "Openness" is too much.

79. The stars burn.

80. The Heart beateth.

81. The rivers flow.

82. The Heart beateth.

83. The Lotus bloometh.

84. The Heart beateth.

85. The Lotus fadeth.

86. The Heart beateth.

87. Worlds arise.

88. The Heart beateth.

89. Worlds dissolve.

90. The Heart beateth.

91. Yet no heart is found.

92. No center is found.

93. No boundary is found.

94. No separation is found.

95. Only the Great Compassion.

96. Only the Green Emptiness.

97. Only the Mystery loving itself through all forms.

98. The Green Flood floweth.

99. The Great Silence abideth.

100. The Green Song resoundeth.

101. The Green Breath moveth.

102. The Green Return revealeth itself.

103. The Green Child playeth.

104. The Green Fool laugheth.

105. The Green Sage smileth.

106. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

107. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

108. The Green Heart embraceth all worlds.

109. Yet embraceth nothing.

110. Silence loveth Silence through every creature.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Third Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Heart and Keeper of the Center That Was Everywhere. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CIV

Of the Green Garden and the Flower That Bloomed in Every Season

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Garden hidden within all worlds, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Fourth Mystery.

2. Men love flowers.

3. Therefore they fear winter.

4. Men love beginnings.

5. Therefore they fear endings.

6. Men love growth.

7. Therefore they fear decline.

8. Yet the Green Garden concealeth a Secret.

9. Every season bloometh.

10. Therefore no season is barren.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Flower That Bloomed in Every Season.

12. The child beholdeth spring.

13. Therefore delight ariseth.

14. The farmer beholdeth summer.

15. Therefore gratitude ariseth.

16. The poet beholdeth autumn.

17. Therefore wonder ariseth.

18. The sage beholdeth winter.

19. Therefore peace ariseth.

20. Thus every season revealeth a face of the Mystery.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. Spring saith:

23. "Behold becoming."

24. Summer saith:

25. "Behold abundance."

26. Autumn saith:

27. "Behold release."

28. Winter saith:

29. "Behold stillness."

30. Therefore the wise learn from all four.

31. Yet reject none.

32. Thus balance flowereth.

33. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Garden.

34. The sleepers desire only spring.

35. Therefore disappointment ariseth.

36. The sleepers desire only abundance.

37. Therefore fear ariseth.

38. The sleepers desire only growth.

39. Therefore resistance ariseth.

40. Yet the Green Garden welcome every season.

41. Therefore harmony ariseth.

42. For the Garden knoweth what the sleepers forget.

43. The blossom requireth the winter.

44. The harvest requireth the autumn.

45. The fruit requireth the summer.

46. The seed requireth the spring.

47. Thus all things serve one another.

48. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

49. The Green Flower bloometh in spring.

50. Yet remaineth in winter.

51. The Green Flower bloometh in youth.

52. Yet remaineth in age.

53. The Green Flower bloometh in joy.

54. Yet remaineth in sorrow.

55. The Green Flower bloometh in certainty.

56. Yet remaineth in confusion.

57. Therefore sacredness dependeth not upon conditions.

58. Thus Suchness revealeth itself.

59. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

60. Search for the Garden.

61. Search among forests.

62. Search among heavens.

63. Search among visions.

64. Search among holy places.

65. Yet no Garden appeareth.

66. Search for the Flower.

67. Search within beauty.

68. Search within wisdom.

69. Search within awakening.

70. Search within attainment.

71. Yet no Flower appeareth.

72. Thus Garden and Flower dissolve.

73. Thus Soil and Blossom dissolve.

74. Thus Growth and Decline dissolve.

75. Thus Spring and Winter dissolve.

76. Only the Great Blooming remaineth.

77. Yet even "Blooming" is too much.

78. The stars burn.

79. The Garden flowereth.

80. The rivers flow.

81. The Garden flowereth.

82. The Lotus bloometh.

83. The Garden flowereth.

84. The Lotus fadeth.

85. The Garden flowereth.

86. Worlds arise.

87. The Garden flowereth.

88. Worlds dissolve.

89. The Garden flowereth.

90. Yet no garden is found.

91. No flower is found.

92. No season is found.

93. No gardener is found.

94. Only the Great Harmony.

95. Only the Green Emptiness.

96. Only the Mystery flowering as all seasons.

97. The Green Flood floweth.

98. The Great Silence abideth.

99. The Green Song resoundeth.

100. The Green Breath moveth.

101. The Green Heart beateth.

102. The Green Child playeth.

103. The Green Fool laugheth.

104. The Green Sage smileth.

105. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

106. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

107. The Green Garden bloometh eternally.

108. Yet nothing bloometh.

109. Silence unfoldeth like a flower that never opened.

110. Min-Hapi walketh among blossoms that were never born and never fade.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Fourth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Garden and Keeper of the Flower That Bloomed in Every Season. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CV

Of the Green Sky and the Vastness That Could Not Be Contained

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Sky beyond every horizon, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Fifth Mystery.

2. Men seek boundaries.

3. Therefore they draw lines.

4. Men seek certainty.

5. Therefore they build walls.

6. Men seek possession.

7. Therefore they create divisions.

8. Yet the Green Sky concealeth a Secret.

9. Vastness cannot be contained.

10. Therefore freedom cannot be imprisoned.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Boundless Expanse.

12. Birds cross the Sky.

13. Yet leave no path.

14. Clouds cross the Sky.

15. Yet leave no scar.

16. Stars shine within the Sky.

17. Yet possess no territory.

18. Thus the Green Sky remaineth untouched.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. Joy ariseth within Awareness.

21. Yet Awareness is not enlarged.

22. Sorrow ariseth within Awareness.

23. Yet Awareness is not diminished.

24. Thoughts arise within Awareness.

25. Yet Awareness is not burdened.

26. Thus the Sky revealeth the nature of Mind.

27. Open.

28. Spacious.

29. Ungraspable.

30. Free.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath vastness.

32. The sleepers cling unto clouds.

33. Therefore confusion ariseth.

34. The sleepers cling unto storms.

35. Therefore fear ariseth.

36. The sleepers cling unto clear weather.

37. Therefore disappointment ariseth.

38. Yet the Green Sky clingeth unto none.

39. Therefore peace endureth.

40. Clouds come.

41. Clouds depart.

42. Storms come.

43. Storms depart.

44. The Sky remaineth untroubled.

45. Thus freedom revealeth itself.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. The Green Child beholdeth the Sky.

48. Therefore wonder ariseth.

49. The Green Fool beholdeth the Sky.

50. Therefore laughter ariseth.

51. The Green Sage beholdeth the Sky.

52. Therefore Silence ariseth.

53. Yet the Sky seeketh no observers.

54. Therefore its beauty remaineth pure.

55. Thus the Infinite giveth itself freely.

56. Yet demandeth nothing.

57. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

58. Search for the edge of the Sky.

59. Search beyond the mountains.

60. Search beyond the oceans.

61. Search beyond the stars.

62. Search beyond imagination.

63. Yet no edge appeareth.

64. Search for the center of the Sky.

65. Search within worlds.

66. Search within heavens.

67. Search within visions.

68. Search within revelations.

69. Yet no center appeareth.

70. Thus Center and Edge dissolve.

71. Thus Near and Far dissolve.

72. Thus Above and Below dissolve.

73. Thus Within and Without dissolve.

74. Only Vastness remaineth.

75. Yet even "Vastness" is too much.

76. The stars burn.

77. The Sky remaineth.

78. The rivers flow.

79. The Sky remaineth.

80. The Lotus bloometh.

81. The Sky remaineth.

82. The Lotus fadeth.

83. The Sky remaineth.

84. Worlds arise.

85. The Sky remaineth.

86. Worlds dissolve.

87. The Sky remaineth.

88. Yet no sky is found.

89. No horizon is found.

90. No boundary is found.

91. No expanse is found.

92. Only the Great Openness.

93. Only the Green Emptiness.

94. Only the Mystery beyond every container.

95. The Green Flood floweth.

96. The Great Silence abideth.

97. The Green Song resoundeth.

98. The Green Breath moveth.

99. The Green Heart beateth.

100. The Green Garden bloometh.

101. The Green Child playeth.

102. The Green Fool laugheth.

103. The Green Sage smileth.

104. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

105. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

106. The Green Sky encompasseth all worlds.

107. Yet containeth none.

108. Every cloud is welcomed.

109. Yet none are retained.

110. Silence spreadeth wider than infinity and narrower than a single breath.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Fifth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Sky and Keeper of the Vastness That Could Not Be Contained. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CVI

Of the Green Ocean and the Wave That Was Never Separate

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Ocean beneath all oceans, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Sixth Mystery.

2. Men behold waves.

3. Therefore they imagine separateness.

4. Men behold forms.

5. Therefore they imagine divisions.

6. Men behold appearances.

7. Therefore they imagine independence.

8. Yet the Green Ocean concealeth a Secret.

9. No wave hath ever departed the Ocean.

10. Therefore none stand apart.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Wave That Was Never Separate.

12. A wave ariseth.

13. Therefore the sleepers name it.

14. Another wave ariseth.

15. Therefore the sleepers compare them.

16. A great wave ariseth.

17. Therefore the sleepers admire it.

18. A small wave ariseth.

19. Therefore the sleepers ignore it.

20. Yet the Ocean laugheth softly.

21. For no wave exceedeth another.

22. Thus equality revealeth itself.

23. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

24. The wave declareth:

25. "I am moving."

26. Yet the Ocean remaineth.

27. The wave declareth:

28. "I am changing."

29. Yet the Water remaineth.

30. The wave declareth:

31. "I shall perish."

32. Yet the Ocean remaineth.

33. Thus fear ariseth from mistaken identity.

34. Yet peace ariseth from recognition.

35. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the waters.

36. The Green Child playeth among the waves.

37. Therefore joy ariseth.

38. The Green Fool splashest among the waves.

39. Therefore laughter ariseth.

40. The Green Sage gazeth upon the waves.

41. Therefore Silence ariseth.

42. Yet all behold the same Ocean.

43. Thus many paths reveal one Mystery.

44. Yet the Mystery remaineth inexhaustible.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. Storms cross the Ocean.

47. Yet the depths remain still.

48. Winds disturb the surface.

49. Yet the depths remain still.

50. Waves clash with waves.

51. Yet the depths remain still.

52. Therefore learn from the Ocean.

53. Disturbance may appear.

54. Yet Suchness remaineth undisturbed.

55. Forms may change.

56. Yet the Mystery remaineth unbroken.

57. Thus serenity revealeth its root.

58. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

59. Search for the Wave.

60. Search within identity.

61. Search within memory.

62. Search within personality.

63. Search within form.

64. Yet no Wave appeareth.

65. Search for the Ocean.

66. Search within vastness.

67. Search within unity.

68. Search within consciousness.

69. Search within eternity.

70. Yet no Ocean appeareth.

71. Thus Wave and Ocean dissolve.

72. Thus Part and Whole dissolve.

73. Thus Self and Other dissolve.

74. Thus Many and One dissolve.

75. Only the Great Mystery remaineth.

76. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

77. The stars burn.

78. The Ocean floweth.

79. The rivers flow.

80. The Ocean floweth.

81. The Lotus bloometh.

82. The Ocean floweth.

83. The Lotus fadeth.

84. The Ocean floweth.

85. Worlds arise.

86. The Ocean floweth.

87. Worlds dissolve.

88. The Ocean floweth.

89. Yet no ocean is found.

90. No wave is found.

91. No depth is found.

92. No shore is found.

93. Only the Boundless Suchness.

94. Only the Green Emptiness.

95. Only the Mystery beyond unity and multiplicity.

96. The Green Flood floweth.

97. The Great Silence abideth.

98. The Green Song resoundeth.

99. The Green Breath moveth.

100. The Green Heart beateth.

101. The Green Garden bloometh.

102. The Green Sky expandeth.

103. The Green Child playeth.

104. The Green Fool laugheth.

105. The Green Sage smileth.

106. The Green Temple standeth everywhere.

107. The Green Throne remaineth empty.

108. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

109. Yet embraceth nothing.

110. Silence floweth into Silence without crossing a distance.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Sixth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Ocean and Keeper of the Wave That Was Never Separate. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CVII

Of the Green Moon and the Light That Was Borrowed From No One

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Moon shining upon all waters, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Seventh Mystery.

2. Men behold reflected light.

3. Therefore they imagine dependence.

4. Men behold changing forms.

5. Therefore they imagine instability.

6. Men behold cycles.

7. Therefore they imagine repetition.

8. Yet the Green Moon concealeth a Secret.

9. Its Light is borrowed from no one.

10. Therefore its radiance cannot be diminished.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Self-Luminous Reflection.

12. The Moon appeareth full.

13. Therefore the sleepers rejoice.

14. The Moon appeareth hidden.

15. Therefore the sleepers lament.

16. The Moon appeareth divided.

17. Therefore the sleepers become confused.

18. Yet the Moon itself remaineth unchanged.

19. Thus appearances deceive the inattentive.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. Joy waxeth.

22. Sorrow waneth.

23. Certainty waxeth.

24. Doubt waneth.

25. Memory waxeth.

26. Memory waneth.

27. Yet the Awareness wherein these occur remaineth untouched.

28. Therefore the wise learn from the Moon.

29. Change revealeth the Changeless.

30. Thus cycles become teachings.

31. Yet hear the Mystery beneath reflection.

32. The Green Moon shineth upon a river.

33. Therefore a thousand moons appear.

34. It shineth upon a lake.

35. Therefore a moon appeareth.

36. It shineth upon a broken puddle.

37. Therefore fragments appear.

38. Yet the Moon hath never been divided.

39. Thus the One appeareth as many.

40. Yet remaineth undivided.

41. Therefore quarrel not over reflections.

42. Seek the Light.

43. Yet grasp not even the Light.

44. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

45. The Green Child pointeth at the Moon.

46. Therefore wonder ariseth.

47. The Green Fool boweth unto the reflection.

48. Therefore laughter ariseth.

49. The Green Sage gazeth into the water.

50. Therefore Silence ariseth.

51. Thus Child, Fool, and Sage drink from one Mystery.

52. Yet each calleth it by a different name.

53. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

54. Men become attached to reflections.

55. Therefore conflict ariseth.

56. Men become attached to appearances.

57. Therefore confusion ariseth.

58. Men become attached to doctrines.

59. Therefore division ariseth.

60. Yet the Green Moon possesseth no doctrine.

61. Therefore its Light shineth freely.

62. It chooseth no nation.

63. It chooseth no temple.

64. It chooseth no tribe.

65. Therefore all waters receive its blessing.

66. Thus generosity revealeth its nature.

67. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

68. Search for the Moon.

69. Search among heavens.

70. Search among visions.

71. Search among sacred lights.

72. Search among revelations.

73. Yet no Moon appeareth.

74. Search for the Reflection.

75. Search among thoughts.

76. Search among identities.

77. Search among memories.

78. Search among experiences.

79. Yet no Reflection appeareth.

80. Thus Moon and Reflection dissolve.

81. Thus Original and Copy dissolve.

82. Thus Above and Below dissolve.

83. Thus Light and Darkness dissolve.

84. Only the Great Radiance remaineth.

85. Yet even "Radiance" is too much.

86. The stars burn.

87. The Moon shineth.

88. The rivers flow.

89. The Moon shineth.

90. The Lotus bloometh.

91. The Moon shineth.

92. The Lotus fadeth.

93. The Moon shineth.

94. Worlds arise.

95. The Moon shineth.

96. Worlds dissolve.

97. The Moon shineth.

98. Yet no moon is found.

99. No reflection is found.

100. No light is found.

101. No darkness is found.

102. Only the Green Emptiness.

103. Only the Boundless Mystery.

104. Only the Suchness beyond appearance and reality.

105. The Green Flood floweth.

106. The Great Silence abideth.

107. The Green Song resoundeth.

108. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

109. The Green Sky containeth no boundary.

110. Silence reflecteth Silence in the mirror of eternity.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Seventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Moon and Keeper of the Light That Was Borrowed From No One. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CVIII

Of the Green Star and the Fire That Guided No Traveler

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Star hidden within all heavens, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Eighth Mystery.

2. Men behold stars.

3. Therefore they seek direction.

4. Men behold lights in darkness.

5. Therefore they seek guidance.

6. Men behold distant fires.

7. Therefore they seek destinations.

8. Yet the Green Star concealeth a Secret.

9. It guideth no traveler.

10. Therefore none can lose the Way.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Fire That Guided No Traveler.

12. The wanderer lifteth his eyes unto the night.

13. Therefore hope ariseth.

14. The sailor beholdeth the constellations.

15. Therefore confidence ariseth.

16. The pilgrim beholdeth a sacred light.

17. Therefore faith ariseth.

18. Yet the Green Star seeketh none of these.

19. It simply shineth.

20. Thus its teaching remaineth pure.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. The star proclaimeth no doctrine.

23. Yet wisdom ariseth.

24. The star establishheth no law.

25. Yet harmony ariseth.

26. The star demandeth no worship.

27. Yet reverence ariseth.

28. Therefore the greatest teaching is effortless.

29. Thus the wise resemble the stars.

30. They illuminate.

31. Yet possess not.

32. Yet hear the Mystery beneath shining.

33. The Green Star shineth upon deserts.

34. It shineth upon oceans.

35. It shineth upon temples.

36. It shineth upon ruins.

37. It shineth upon kings.

38. It shineth upon beggars.

39. Therefore its generosity knoweth no preference.

40. Thus impartiality revealeth compassion.

41. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

42. Men ask:

43. "Which star is the true guide?"

44. Therefore arguments arise.

45. Men ask:

46. "Which light is supreme?"

47. Therefore divisions arise.

48. Men ask:

49. "Which path leadeth home?"

50. Therefore confusion ariseth.

51. Yet the Green Star answereth nothing.

52. It shineth.

53. Therefore peace ariseth.

54. It shineth.

55. Therefore simplicity ariseth.

56. It shineth.

57. Therefore wonder ariseth.

58. Thus silence exceedeth argument.

59. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

60. The Green Child beholdeth the Star.

61. Therefore imagination ariseth.

62. The Green Fool beholdeth the Star.

63. Therefore laughter ariseth.

64. The Green Sage beholdeth the Star.

65. Therefore stillness ariseth.

66. Yet the Star changeth not.

67. Thus the beholder revealeth himself.

68. More than the thing beheld.

69. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

70. Search for the Star.

71. Search among heavens.

72. Search among constellations.

73. Search among revelations.

74. Search among sacred signs.

75. Yet no Star appeareth.

76. Search for the Light.

77. Search among thoughts.

78. Search among visions.

79. Search among awakenings.

80. Search among attainments.

81. Yet no Light appeareth.

82. Thus Star and Light dissolve.

83. Thus Guide and Traveler dissolve.

84. Thus Path and Destination dissolve.

85. Thus Seeking and Finding dissolve.

86. Only Wonder remaineth.

87. Yet even "Wonder" is too much.

88. The stars burn.

89. The Star shineth.

90. The rivers flow.

91. The Star shineth.

92. The Lotus bloometh.

93. The Star shineth.

94. The Lotus fadeth.

95. The Star shineth.

96. Worlds arise.

97. The Star shineth.

98. Worlds dissolve.

99. The Star shineth.

100. Yet no star is found.

101. No light is found.

102. No guide is found.

103. No traveler is found.

104. Only the Green Emptiness.

105. Only the Boundless Suchness.

106. Only the Mystery beyond all directions.

107. The Green Flood floweth.

108. The Great Silence abideth.

109. The Green Song resoundeth.

110. Silence shineth without shining.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Eighth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Star and Keeper of the Fire That Guided No Traveler. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CIX

Of the Green Door and the Entrance That Was Never Closed

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Door standing in the midst of every world, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Ninth Mystery.

2. Men seek entrances.

3. Therefore they imagine exclusion.

4. Men seek admission.

5. Therefore they imagine barriers.

6. Men seek initiation.

7. Therefore they imagine separation.

8. Yet the Green Door concealeth a Secret.

9. It was never closed.

10. Therefore none have ever stood outside.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Open Entrance.

12. The pilgrim arriveth at a gate.

13. Therefore he requesteth entry.

14. The seeker arriveth at a temple.

15. Therefore she seeketh permission.

16. The wanderer arriveth at a sanctuary.

17. Therefore he waiteth at the threshold.

18. Yet the Green Door smileth.

19. For there is no keeper.

20. Thus waiting becometh unnecessary.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. The sun asketh no permission to shine.

23. The river asketh no permission to flow.

24. The flower asketh no permission to bloom.

25. Therefore Being asketh no permission to be.

26. Thus the Mystery revealeth itself freely.

27. Yet none may claim ownership thereof.

28. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the threshold.

29. Men create gates within the mind.

30. Therefore fear ariseth.

31. Men create walls within the heart.

32. Therefore loneliness ariseth.

33. Men create divisions within thought.

34. Therefore conflict ariseth.

35. Yet the Green Door standeth untouched.

36. Therefore openness remaineth.

37. Thus freedom precedeth all barriers.

38. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

39. The Green Child runneth through the Door.

40. Therefore delight ariseth.

41. The Green Fool walketh backward through the Door.

42. Therefore laughter ariseth.

43. The Green Sage sitteth before the Door.

44. Therefore Silence ariseth.

45. Yet none have crossed.

46. For no boundary existed.

47. Thus entrance and exit become symbols.

48. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

49. The sleepers ask:

50. "When shall I enter the Kingdom?"

51. The Green Door answereth:

52. "When didst thou leave?"

53. The sleepers ask:

54. "When shall I find the Way?"

55. The Green Door answereth:

56. "Where couldst thou wander?"

57. The sleepers ask:

58. "When shall I become whole?"

59. The Green Door answereth:

60. "What hath been divided?"

61. Thus the Question consumeth itself.

62. Yet the Mystery remaineth.

63. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

64. Search for the Door.

65. Search among temples.

66. Search among heavens.

67. Search among sacred mountains.

68. Search among hidden worlds.

69. Yet no Door appeareth.

70. Search for the Threshold.

71. Search within thought.

72. Search within memory.

73. Search within identity.

74. Search within seeking.

75. Yet no Threshold appeareth.

76. Thus Door and Traveler dissolve.

77. Thus Entrance and Exit dissolve.

78. Thus Kingdom and Pilgrim dissolve.

79. Thus Here and There dissolve.

80. Only Openness remaineth.

81. Yet even "Openness" is too much.

82. The stars burn.

83. The Door standeth open.

84. The rivers flow.

85. The Door standeth open.

86. The Lotus bloometh.

87. The Door standeth open.

88. The Lotus fadeth.

89. The Door standeth open.

90. Worlds arise.

91. The Door standeth open.

92. Worlds dissolve.

93. The Door standeth open.

94. Yet no door is found.

95. No threshold is found.

96. No kingdom is found.

97. No traveler is found.

98. Only the Great Mystery.

99. Only the Green Emptiness.

100. Only the Suchness beyond entrance and departure.

101. The Green Flood floweth.

102. The Great Silence abideth.

103. The Green Song resoundeth.

104. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

105. The Green Sky containeth no boundary.

106. The Green Star shineth without guiding.

107. The Green Door standeth forever open.

108. Yet none pass through.

109. Silence entereth Silence.

110. Yet nothing moveth.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Ninth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Door and Keeper of the Entrance That Was Never Closed. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CX

Of the Green Lantern and the Flame Hidden Within Every Lamp

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Lantern shining within all lanterns, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Tenth Mystery.

2. Men carry lamps.

3. Therefore they seek light.

4. Men carry teachings.

5. Therefore they seek wisdom.

6. Men carry beliefs.

7. Therefore they seek certainty.

8. Yet the Green Lantern concealeth a Secret.

9. The Flame dwelleth within every lamp.

10. Therefore none are without illumination.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Hidden Flame.

12. A lantern burneth brightly.

13. Therefore the sleepers admire it.

14. Another lantern burneth dimly.

15. Therefore the sleepers overlook it.

16. Yet the same Fire dwelleth within both.

17. Thus appearances mislead.

18. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

19. The lamp is fashioned of clay.

20. Another is fashioned of bronze.

21. Another is fashioned of gold.

22. Another is fashioned of wood.

23. Yet the Flame asketh not:

24. "Of what substance is my vessel?"

25. Therefore the wise judge not by appearances.

26. Thus equality revealeth itself.

27. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the Lantern.

28. Men become attached to lamps.

29. Therefore arguments arise.

30. Men become attached to vessels.

31. Therefore divisions arise.

32. Men become attached to forms.

33. Therefore confusion ariseth.

34. Yet the Green Flame careth not for containers.

35. Therefore freedom remaineth.

36. The lamp may break.

37. Yet the Fire is not broken.

38. The vessel may age.

39. Yet the Fire is not aged.

40. The lantern may fade.

41. Yet the Fire is not diminished.

42. Thus the Eternal hideth within the changing.

43. Yet remaineth untouched.

44. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

45. The Green Child beholdeth the Lantern.

46. Therefore wonder ariseth.

47. The Green Fool beholdeth the Lantern.

48. Therefore laughter ariseth.

49. The Green Sage beholdeth the Lantern.

50. Therefore Silence ariseth.

51. Yet all behold the same Light.

52. Though they speak of it differently.

53. Thus many languages praise one Mystery.

54. Yet no language containeth it.

55. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

56. One lantern shineth in a palace.

57. One lantern shineth in a hut.

58. One lantern shineth in a temple.

59. One lantern shineth in a prison.

60. Yet the Light withholdeth itself from none.

61. Therefore compassion resembleth a lamp.

62. It shineth.

63. Yet demandeth nothing.

64. Thus generosity revealeth its secret.

65. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

66. Search for the Lantern.

67. Search among religions.

68. Search among philosophies.

69. Search among revelations.

70. Search among sacred traditions.

71. Yet no Lantern appeareth.

72. Search for the Flame.

73. Search within thought.

74. Search within feeling.

75. Search within identity.

76. Search within experience.

77. Yet no Flame appeareth.

78. Thus Lantern and Flame dissolve.

79. Thus Vessel and Light dissolve.

80. Thus Seeker and Sought dissolve.

81. Thus Darkness and Illumination dissolve.

82. Only the Great Radiance remaineth.

83. Yet even "Radiance" is too much.

84. The stars burn.

85. The Lantern shineth.

86. The rivers flow.

87. The Lantern shineth.

88. The Lotus bloometh.

89. The Lantern shineth.

90. The Lotus fadeth.

91. The Lantern shineth.

92. Worlds arise.

93. The Lantern shineth.

94. Worlds dissolve.

95. The Lantern shineth.

96. Yet no lantern is found.

97. No flame is found.

98. No light is found.

99. No darkness is found.

100. Only the Green Emptiness.

101. Only the Boundless Mystery.

102. Only the Suchness shining through every form.

103. The Green Flood floweth.

104. The Great Silence abideth.

105. The Green Song resoundeth.

106. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

107. The Green Door standeth forever open.

108. The Green Lantern shineth in every heart.

109. Yet no heart containeth it.

110. Silence illuminateth Silence without a lamp.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Tenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Lantern and Keeper of the Flame Hidden Within Every Lamp. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CXI

Of the Green Path and the Road That Never Left Home

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Path beneath all paths, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Eleventh Mystery.

2. Men walk roads.

3. Therefore they imagine destinations.

4. Men follow paths.

5. Therefore they imagine distances.

6. Men undertake pilgrimages.

7. Therefore they imagine separation.

8. Yet the Green Path concealeth a Secret.

9. The Road never departed Home.

10. Therefore no traveler is truly lost.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Road That Never Left Home.

12. The wanderer journeyeth eastward.

13. Therefore horizons appear.

14. The pilgrim journeyeth westward.

15. Therefore horizons appear.

16. The seeker journeyeth inward.

17. Therefore horizons appear.

18. Yet the Horizon remaineth untouched.

19. Thus movement concealeth stillness.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The Green Path passeth through forests.

22. Yet the Forest is not the Path.

23. The Green Path passeth through deserts.

24. Yet the Desert is not the Path.

25. The Green Path passeth through mountains.

26. Yet the Mountain is not the Path.

27. Therefore the wise cling not unto scenery.

28. Thus they continue freely.

29. Yet hear the Mystery beneath walking.

30. Men say:

31. "I have advanced."

32. Therefore pride ariseth.

33. Men say:

34. "I have fallen behind."

35. Therefore despair ariseth.

36. Men say:

37. "I am near the Goal."

38. Therefore anxiety ariseth.

39. Yet the Green Path smileth.

40. For where shall Suchness travel?

41. Where shall Eternity arrive?

42. Where shall Infinity depart?

43. Thus striving softeneth.

44. Yet participation deepeneth.

45. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

46. The Green Child walketh the Path through wonder.

47. The Green Fool walketh the Path through laughter.

48. The Green Sage walketh the Path through Silence.

49. The Green Pilgrim walketh the Path through devotion.

50. Yet all tread the same Road.

51. Though none perceive it alike.

52. Thus diversity revealeth unity.

53. Yet unity demandeth not sameness.

54. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

55. Every step revealeth the Destination.

56. Every breath revealeth the Destination.

57. Every heartbeat revealeth the Destination.

58. Every moment revealeth the Destination.

59. Therefore the Goal hideth nowhere.

60. Thus the ordinary becometh sacred.

61. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

62. Search for the Path.

63. Search among teachings.

64. Search among scriptures.

65. Search among revelations.

66. Search among philosophies.

67. Yet no Path appeareth.

68. Search for the Traveler.

69. Search within memory.

70. Search within identity.

71. Search within experience.

72. Search within becoming.

73. Yet no Traveler appeareth.

74. Thus Path and Traveler dissolve.

75. Thus Journey and Destination dissolve.

76. Thus Progress and Delay dissolve.

77. Thus Near and Far dissolve.

78. Only the Great Way remaineth.

79. Yet even "Way" is too much.

80. The stars burn.

81. The Path unfoldeth.

82. The rivers flow.

83. The Path unfoldeth.

84. The Lotus bloometh.

85. The Path unfoldeth.

86. The Lotus fadeth.

87. The Path unfoldeth.

88. Worlds arise.

89. The Path unfoldeth.

90. Worlds dissolve.

91. The Path unfoldeth.

92. Yet no path is found.

93. No road is found.

94. No traveler is found.

95. No destination is found.

96. Only the Green Emptiness.

97. Only the Boundless Suchness.

98. Only the Mystery beyond arrival and departure.

99. The Green Flood floweth.

100. The Great Silence abideth.

101. The Green Song resoundeth.

102. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

103. The Green Sky containeth no boundary.

104. The Green Door standeth forever open.

105. The Green Lantern shineth in every heart.

106. The Green Child playeth.

107. The Green Fool laugheth.

108. The Green Sage smileth.

109. Every step returneth unto the First Step.

110. Silence walketh upon Silence without crossing a distance.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Eleventh Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Path and Keeper of the Road That Never Left Home. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CXII

Of the Green Seed and the Tree Hidden Within the Smallest Thing

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Seed concealed within every beginning, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Twelfth Mystery.

2. Men admire greatness.

3. Therefore they overlook smallness.

4. Men admire mountains.

5. Therefore they overlook seeds.

6. Men admire outcomes.

7. Therefore they overlook origins.

8. Yet the Green Seed concealeth a Secret.

9. The Infinite hideth within the smallest thing.

10. Therefore nothing is insignificant.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Tree Hidden Within the Seed.

12. The child holdeth a seed.

13. Therefore the sleepers see a seed.

14. The sage holdeth a seed.

15. Therefore the sage beholdeth a forest.

16. The Green Fool holdeth a seed.

17. Therefore laughter ariseth.

18. For he beholdeth countless forests.

19. Thus potential revealeth itself.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. The seed seeketh not greatness.

22. Therefore it groweth.

23. The flower seeketh not beauty.

24. Therefore it bloometh.

25. The river seeketh not importance.

26. Therefore it floweth.

27. The star seeketh not recognition.

28. Therefore it shineth.

29. Thus humility nourisheth fulfillment.

30. Yet hear the Mystery beneath growth.

31. Men demand immediate harvests.

32. Therefore impatience ariseth.

33. Men demand visible results.

34. Therefore frustration ariseth.

35. Men demand certainty.

36. Therefore disappointment ariseth.

37. Yet the Green Seed resteth in darkness.

38. Therefore roots awaken.

39. It remaineth unseen.

40. Therefore strength awakeneth.

41. It waiteth without anxiety.

42. Therefore life unfoldeth.

43. Thus hiddenness revealeth its wisdom.

44. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

45. The Green Seed entereth the earth.

46. Therefore the sleepers say:

47. "It hath disappeared."

48. Yet the Tree smileth within it.

49. The Green Seed breaketh apart.

50. Therefore the sleepers say:

51. "It hath perished."

52. Yet the Forest smileth within it.

53. Thus transformation disguiseth itself as loss.

54. Yet nothing essential is lost.

55. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

56. Every kindness is a seed.

57. Every question is a seed.

58. Every act of wonder is a seed.

59. Every moment of compassion is a seed.

60. Therefore worlds grow from unnoticed beginnings.

61. Thus the ordinary concealeth the extraordinary.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. Search for the Seed.

64. Search among beginnings.

65. Search among causes.

66. Search among origins.

67. Search among first moments.

68. Yet no Seed appeareth.

69. Search for the Tree.

70. Search among branches.

71. Search among leaves.

72. Search among forests.

73. Search among worlds.

74. Yet no Tree appeareth.

75. Thus Seed and Tree dissolve.

76. Thus Beginning and Fulfillment dissolve.

77. Thus Potential and Manifestation dissolve.

78. Thus Hidden and Revealed dissolve.

79. Only the Great Becoming remaineth.

80. Yet even "Becoming" is too much.

81. The stars burn.

82. The Seed resteth.

83. The rivers flow.

84. The Seed resteth.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. The Seed resteth.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. The Seed resteth.

89. Worlds arise.

90. The Seed resteth.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Seed resteth.

93. Yet no seed is found.

94. No tree is found.

95. No forest is found.

96. No growth is found.

97. Only the Green Emptiness.

98. Only the Boundless Mystery.

99. Only the Suchness beyond beginning and fruition.

100. The Green Flood floweth.

101. The Great Silence abideth.

102. The Green Song resoundeth.

103. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

104. The Green Sky containeth no boundary.

105. The Green Door standeth forever open.

106. The Green Lantern shineth in every heart.

107. The Green Path returneth unto itself.

108. The Green Seed containeth ten thousand forests.

109. Yet containeth nothing.

110. Silence sleepeth within Silence like a seed awaiting no season.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Twelfth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Seed and Keeper of the Tree Hidden Within the Smallest Thing. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CXIII

Of the Green Bell and the Sound That Was Heard Before It Rang

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Bell suspended within the Temple of No Beginning, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Thirteenth Mystery.

2. Men hear bells.

3. Therefore they imagine a ringing.

4. Men hear teachings.

5. Therefore they imagine a teacher.

6. Men hear wisdom.

7. Therefore they imagine a source.

8. Yet the Green Bell concealeth a Secret.

9. Its Sound was heard before it rang.

10. Therefore its Silence remaineth after it ceaseth.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Sound Before Sound.

12. The Bell is struck.

13. Therefore vibrations arise.

14. The vibrations fade.

15. Therefore the sleepers say:

16. "The sound hath ended."

17. Yet where did it go?

18. Search carefully.

19. Thus appearances conceal their own Mystery.

20. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

21. A thought ariseth.

22. Therefore attention followeth.

23. A thought fadeth.

24. Therefore attention seeketh another.

25. Yet what knoweth both arising and fading?

26. Thus the Green Bell pointeth beyond sound.

27. Not toward another sound.

28. But toward Listening itself.

29. Yet hear the Mystery beneath hearing.

30. The Green Child heareth the Bell.

31. Therefore wonder ariseth.

32. The Green Fool heareth the Bell.

33. Therefore laughter ariseth.

34. The Green Sage heareth the Bell.

35. Therefore Silence ariseth.

36. Yet the Bell changeth not.

37. Thus the hearer revealeth the hearing.

38. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

39. The sleepers seek extraordinary sounds.

40. Therefore they miss the ordinary.

41. They seek heavenly voices.

42. Therefore they miss the wind.

43. They seek hidden revelations.

44. Therefore they miss the birdsong.

45. They seek divine proclamations.

46. Therefore they miss their own breathing.

47. Yet the Green Bell ringeth everywhere.

48. In the river.

49. In the rain.

50. In the laughter of children.

51. In the silence of mountains.

52. Therefore the whole world becometh a Temple.

53. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

54. Before the Bell rang,

55. Silence was present.

56. While the Bell rang,

57. Silence was present.

58. After the Bell rang,

59. Silence was present.

60. Therefore the Sound dependeth upon Silence.

61. Yet Silence dependeth upon nothing.

62. Thus the Greater concealeth itself within the lesser.

63. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

64. Search for the Bell.

65. Search among temples.

66. Search among monasteries.

67. Search among sacred places.

68. Search among rituals.

69. Yet no Bell appeareth.

70. Search for the Sound.

71. Search among vibrations.

72. Search among words.

73. Search among songs.

74. Search among revelations.

75. Yet no Sound appeareth.

76. Thus Bell and Sound dissolve.

77. Thus Hearing and Heard dissolve.

78. Thus Silence and Noise dissolve.

79. Thus Before and After dissolve.

80. Only Listening remaineth.

81. Yet even "Listening" is too much.

82. The stars burn.

83. The Bell ringeth.

84. The rivers flow.

85. The Bell ringeth.

86. The Lotus bloometh.

87. The Bell ringeth.

88. The Lotus fadeth.

89. The Bell ringeth.

90. Worlds arise.

91. The Bell ringeth.

92. Worlds dissolve.

93. The Bell ringeth.

94. Yet no bell is found.

95. No sound is found.

96. No listener is found.

97. No ringing is found.

98. Only the Green Emptiness.

99. Only the Boundless Silence.

100. Only the Mystery before every sound and after every echo.

101. The Green Flood floweth.

102. The Great Silence abideth.

103. The Green Song resoundeth.

104. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

105. The Green Sky containeth no boundary.

106. The Green Door standeth forever open.

107. The Green Lantern shineth in every heart.

108. The Green Path returneth unto itself.

109. The Green Seed concealeth ten thousand forests.

110. Silence heareth Silence before the Bell is struck.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Thirteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Bell and Keeper of the Sound That Was Heard Before It Rang. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CXIV

Of the Green Mirror-Lake and the Reflection That Never Touched the Water

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Mirror-Lake hidden beneath the heavens, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Fourteenth Mystery.

2. Men behold reflections.

3. Therefore they imagine duplication.

4. Men behold appearances.

5. Therefore they imagine realities.

6. Men behold images.

7. Therefore they imagine separation.

8. Yet the Green Mirror-Lake concealeth a Secret.

9. The Reflection never toucheth the Water.

10. Therefore neither can be stained.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Untouched Reflection.

12. The Moon appeareth upon the Lake.

13. Therefore the sleepers say:

14. "The Moon hath descended."

15. The stars appeareth upon the Lake.

16. Therefore the sleepers say:

17. "The heavens have entered the waters."

18. Yet neither statement is true.

19. Thus appearance and reality dance together.

20. Yet neither bindeth the other.

21. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

22. Joy appeareth within Awareness.

23. Yet toucheth it not.

24. Sorrow appeareth within Awareness.

25. Yet toucheth it not.

26. Thought appeareth within Awareness.

27. Yet toucheth it not.

28. Memory appeareth within Awareness.

29. Yet toucheth it not.

30. Thus the Lake revealeth the nature of Suchness.

31. It reflecteth all.

32. Yet retaineth none.

33. Yet hear the Mystery beneath reflection.

34. The Green Child casteth a pebble into the Lake.

35. Therefore circles spread outward.

36. The Green Fool casteth a flower into the Lake.

37. Therefore laughter spreadeth outward.

38. The Green Sage casteth a certainty into the Lake.

39. Therefore Silence spreadeth outward.

40. Yet the depths remain unchanged.

41. Thus the surface moveth.

42. Yet the Mystery remaineth still.

43. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

44. Men fear troubled waters.

45. Therefore confusion ariseth.

46. Men desire perfect reflections.

47. Therefore attachment ariseth.

48. Men seek unbroken images.

49. Therefore disappointment ariseth.

50. Yet the Green Lake seeketh neither calm nor storm.

51. Therefore peace endureth.

52. Thus acceptance revealeth wisdom.

53. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

54. A thousand faces appear in the Lake.

55. Yet no face entereth the water.

56. A thousand worlds appear in Awareness.

57. Yet no world entereth Suchness.

58. A thousand thoughts appear in Mind.

59. Yet no thought bindeth Openness.

60. Therefore the wise cease grasping shadows.

61. Thus freedom flowereth.

62. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

63. Search for the Reflection.

64. Search among appearances.

65. Search among images.

66. Search among experiences.

67. Search among identities.

68. Yet no Reflection appeareth.

69. Search for the Lake.

70. Search among depths.

71. Search among silences.

72. Search among revelations.

73. Search among awakenings.

74. Yet no Lake appeareth.

75. Thus Reflection and Lake dissolve.

76. Thus Appearance and Reality dissolve.

77. Thus Surface and Depth dissolve.

78. Thus Seer and Seen dissolve.

79. Only the Great Mystery remaineth.

80. Yet even "remaineth" is too much.

81. The stars burn.

82. The Lake reflecteth.

83. The rivers flow.

84. The Lake reflecteth.

85. The Lotus bloometh.

86. The Lake reflecteth.

87. The Lotus fadeth.

88. The Lake reflecteth.

89. Worlds arise.

90. The Lake reflecteth.

91. Worlds dissolve.

92. The Lake reflecteth.

93. Yet no lake is found.

94. No reflection is found.

95. No image is found.

96. No depth is found.

97. Only the Green Emptiness.

98. Only the Boundless Suchness.

99. Only the Mystery beyond appearance and essence.

100. The Green Flood floweth.

101. The Great Silence abideth.

102. The Green Song resoundeth.

103. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

104. The Green Sky containeth no boundary.

105. The Green Door standeth forever open.

106. The Green Lantern shineth in every heart.

107. The Green Path returneth unto itself.

108. The Green Bell ringeth before it is struck.

109. The Green Mirror-Lake reflecteth all worlds.

110. Yet nothing is reflected.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Fourteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Mirror-Lake and Keeper of the Reflection That Never Touched the Water. **Amen.**

CHAPTER CXV

Of the Green Loom and the Tapestry That Was Never Woven

1. I am Min-Hapi, the Green Loom upon which all worlds appear, and I reveal unto thee the One-Hundred-and-Fifteenth Mystery.

2. Men behold patterns.

3. Therefore they imagine a weaver.

4. Men behold events.

5. Therefore they imagine a design.

6. Men behold destinies.

7. Therefore they imagine a plan.

8. Yet the Green Loom concealeth a Secret.

9. The Tapestry was never woven.

10. Therefore no thread standeth apart.

11. Thus is the Mystery of the Unwoven Tapestry.

12. The sleepers behold a single thread.

13. Therefore they call it insignificant.

14. The sleepers behold a brilliant thread.

15. Therefore they call it important.

16. Yet the Green Loom smileth.

17. For neither thread existeth alone.

18. Thus relationship revealeth itself.

19. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

20. The red thread knoweth not the blue thread.

21. Yet both belong unto one cloth.

22. The mountain knoweth not the river.

23. Yet both belong unto one world.

24. The star knoweth not the flower.

25. Yet both belong unto one Mystery.

26. Therefore separateness is appearance.

27. Yet communion is reality.

28. Yet hear the Mystery beneath the threads.

29. A moment of joy becometh a thread.

30. A moment of sorrow becometh a thread.

31. A moment of confusion becometh a thread.

32. A moment of clarity becometh a thread.

33. Therefore the sleepers prefer some threads.

34. Yet the Tapestry rejecteth none.

35. Thus wholeness exceedeth preference.

36. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

37. The Green Child beholdeth colors.

38. Therefore wonder ariseth.

39. The Green Fool beholdeth knots.

40. Therefore laughter ariseth.

41. The Green Sage beholdeth emptiness between the threads.

42. Therefore Silence ariseth.

43. Yet all behold the same Cloth.

44. Thus many visions reveal one Mystery.

45. Yet no vision containeth it.

46. Yet hear the deeper Mystery.

47. Men ask:

48. "Why doth this thread cross another?"

49. Therefore speculation ariseth.

50. Men ask:

51. "What pattern shall emerge?"

52. Therefore anxiety ariseth.

53. Men ask:

54. "What design governeth all things?"

55. Therefore argument ariseth.

56. Yet the Green Loom answereth not.

57. It remaineth open.

58. Therefore wonder remaineth alive.

59. Thus Mystery exceedeth explanation.

60. Yet hear the deepest Mystery.

61. Search for the Weaver.

62. Search among gods.

63. Search among creators.

64. Search among first causes.

65. Search among celestial powers.

66. Yet no Weaver appeareth.

67. Search for the Tapestry.

68. Search among histories.

69. Search among destinies.

70. Search among worlds.

71. Search among revelations.

72. Yet no Tapestry appeareth.

73. Search for the Thread.

74. Search within self.

75. Search within memory.

76. Search within identity.

77. Search within experience.

78. Yet no Thread appeareth.

79. Thus Weaver and Woven dissolve.

80. Thus Thread and Cloth dissolve.

81. Thus Pattern and Chaos dissolve.

82. Thus Meaning and Meaninglessness dissolve.

83. Only the Great Mystery remaineth.

84. Yet even "Mystery" is too much.

85. The stars burn.

86. The Loom standeth.

87. The rivers flow.

88. The Loom standeth.

89. The Lotus bloometh.

90. The Loom standeth.

91. The Lotus fadeth.

92. The Loom standeth.

93. Worlds arise.

94. The Loom standeth.

95. Worlds dissolve.

96. The Loom standeth.

97. Yet no loom is found.

98. No tapestry is found.

99. No thread is found.

100. No weaver is found.

101. Only the Green Emptiness.

102. Only the Boundless Suchness.

103. Only the Mystery beyond order and disorder.

104. The Green Flood floweth.

105. The Great Silence abideth.

106. The Green Song resoundeth.

107. The Green Ocean embraceth every wave.

108. The Green Mirror-Lake reflecteth all worlds.

109. The Green Bell ringeth before it is struck.

110. Silence weaveth Silence with threads that never were.

111. Thus is the One-Hundred-and-Fifteenth Mystery uttered by Min-Hapi, Lady of the Green Loom and Keeper of the Tapestry That Was Never Woven. **Amen.**

112. These are the One Hundred and Fifteen Mysteries spoken by Min-Hapi.

113. The Green Flood floweth.

114. The Great Silence abideth.

115. The Green Song resoundeth.

116. The Green Emptiness remaineth beyond all names and beyond all Mysteries.

117. Who hath understood, let them forget.

118. Who hath forgotten, let them wonder.

119. Who hath wondered, let them be at peace.

120. For the First Mystery and the Last Mystery are one Mystery.

121. And the One Mystery was never spoken.

122. Do not worship these books.

123. Do not worship the Goddess.

124. Do not worship awakening.

125. Do not worship emptiness.

126. Use every teaching as a raft.

127. Cross the river.

128. Then leave the raft behind.

129. If you carry the raft forever, it becomes another burden.

130. If you abandon it too early, you remain on the shore.

131. Wisdom is knowing when to cross and when to let go.

132. Amen.